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1 Basic Level

List 1

abandon

n. lacking restraint or control; feeling of extreme emotional intensity; unbounded enthusiasm

*With her parents out of town, Kelly danced all night with **abandon**.*

abortion

n. termination of pregnancy; failure of a plan

*Instead of doing what many young Egyptian women in her situation do, that is, have an **abortion**, she went public and took the alleged father to court.*

absurd

a. preposterous; ridiculously incongruous or unreasonable; foolish

*Alice thought the whole thing very **absurd**, but they all looked so grave that she did not dare to laugh.*

abuse

n. improper use or handling; misuse

*Thanks to Vito, the commenter said, he has stopped 7 years of girl **abuse** in this area.*

academic

a. related to school; not practical or directly useful; relating to scholarly organization; based on formal education

*The dean's talk about reforming the college admissions system was only an **academic** discussion.*

academy

n. school for special instruction; society of scholars, scientists, or artists

*The mission of our **academy** is actually to ensure the health and the well-being of all children.*

access

n. approach; entry; entrance

*It remains to be seen whether the multinationals like Chevron, Exxon Mobil, and BP will give in to Mr. Chavez's brinksmanship as they know he needs them as much as they need **access** to his oil.*

account

n. narrative or record of events; reason given for a particular action or event

*What is the **account** for this loss?*

accountant

n. one who maintains and audits business accounts

*Our business and finance group is looking for a dynamic **accountant** to join accounting team in support of the Company's new area.*

accurate

a. capable of providing a correct reading or measurement; performing with care and precision

*Very Interesting, can anyone tell me, how **accurate** is the English translation in the posted clip?*

accuse

v. blame; condemn

*He then went on to **accuse** the West of hypocrisy in criticising Russia's human rights record.*

accused

n. defendant or defendants in a criminal case; person charged with an offense

*The testimony expected by the **accused** from the witness will be regarded as having been actually taken.*

acid

n. sour; water-soluble compounds having a sour taste; quality of being sarcastic, bitter, or scornful

*There is a barrage of **acid** comments in today's newspapers.*

acknowledge

v. declare to be true or admit; express obligation, thanks

*Although I **acknowledge** that the Beatles' tunes sound pretty dated today, I still prefer them to the songs my brothers play.*

across

ad. from side to side; crosswise, or in a direction opposed to the length

*The footbridge swayed when I ran **across**.*

address

v. make a formal speech to; deal with or discuss; direct efforts or attention of

*Brown planned to **address** the issue of low-income housing in his speech.*

adjust

v. adapt; regulate

*The opera house was handed over by the builders nearly a year ago, but it's taken many months to install new stage machinery and to **adjust** the acoustics.*

administration

n. management; supervision; people who are in charge for management; activity of government for powers and duties

*Obviously, the key person in **administration** is the man in the White House.*

adopt

v. accept; take on; raise; take into one's family

*In a late-night session, the United States, which has blocked most of the recent efforts to **adopt** resolutions on the Middle East, put forward its own proposal and rallied Council support.*

adore

v. worship with profound reverence; pay divine honors to; regard with the utmost esteem and affection

*All the girls in our school **adore** the handsome mathematics teacher who happens to be a bachelor.*

adult

n. one who has attained maturity or legal age; fully grown

*Not clear from the video if the **adult** is a man or woman, but he or she is facing charges of endangering the welfare of a child.*

affect

v. have an emotional or cognitive impact upon

*The move is likely to **affect** women and girls all over the world as international brands such as Mango and Zara have signed up to the agreement.*

affection

n. fondness; tender feeling toward another; fondness

*I happen to think that the physical expression of love and **affection** is just about the best thing we humans do.*

afford

v. pay; provide; have the financial means for; bear the cost of

*The deal not only reduces the cost of certain AIDS drugs, but it also gives poor countries the confidence that they can **afford** to treat citizens in the long-term.*

agency

n. a business that serves other businesses; an administrative unit of government

*The FDA press office tells me the **agency** is aware of the incident and is currently investigating.*

agenda

n. items of business at a meeting; list or program of things to be done or considered

*His **agenda** is certainly different from the President's and the administration's, but we will seek additional opportunities to work together with him.*

aggressive

a. making assaults; unjustly attacking; combative; hostile;

tending to spread quickly

*During his tenure in Beijing, Huntsman was known as an **aggressive** advocate for human rights and pushed to expand U.S. economic ties with China.*

agreement

n. state of agreeing; harmony of opinion, statement, action, or character

*We are in **agreement** with their decision.*

aid

n. person or thing that promotes or helps in something done; helper; assistant

*The company has also asked for an additional 3.50 billion dollars in **aid** from the government.*

aid

v. support; help; assist; improve the condition of

*Diana took the word, "Do you mean," she asked, "that we have now given to **aid** you is useless?"*

air

v. be broadcast on television or radio

*The tidbits that will **air** on tonight's 6 o'clock news.*

aisle

n. passageway between rows of seats, as in an auditorium or an airplane; wing of a building

*I am glad that one side of the **aisle** is still trying to make this country work.*

alarm

n. any sound or information intended to give notice of approaching danger

*"Come, my head is free at last!" said Alice in a tone of delight, which changed into **alarm** in another moment, when she found that her shoulders were nowhere to be found.*

album

n. a list of names; a register for visitors; a blank book, in which to insert autographs sketches, memorial writing of friends, photographs

*My **album** of boyhood photographs often reminds me of the past happiness.*

alien

a. dissimilar, inconsistent, or opposed in nature; very different place, society, or person

*If you think about it, that's totally **alien** to what a drug company might be expected to do, because if you eradicate a disease, there's no need for that drug at all.*

alliance

n. state of being allied; act of allying or uniting; a union or connection of interests between families, states, parties

*Now sources close to Sharon and Peres, say they could lead to a long-term **alliance** - or even a joint party.*

ally

n. confederate; partner; collaborator

*The trouble is that selling arms to this particular **ally** regularly involves 'commissions' - in plain language, bribes - to well-placed people including*

members of the Saudi ruling family.

alone

a. solitary; by oneself

*Alice cried with a sudden burst of tears, 'I do wish they WOULD put their heads down! I am so VERY tired of being all **alone** here!'*

along

ad. by the length; in a line with the length; onward; forward; in company; together

*The committee split **along** party lines over the issue.*

alternative

a. one of two or more things, ideas or courses of action that may be used; option; choice

*Electron Instruments believed its desktop SEM was vastly superior to the next best **alternative** from a Japanese competitor.*

List 2

ambassador

n. authorized messenger or representative

*He was appointed **ambassador** to the United States.*

ambulance

n. field hospital organized as to follow an army in its movements; wagon for conveying the wounded to hospital

*His breathing had become so labored she called an **ambulance** to send him to hospital immediately.*

amount

n. total of two or more quantities; aggregate; sum

*The **amount** of money sent home by migrant workers to their families in Latin America has reached more than \$62 billion.*

anniversary

a. annual; yearly; annual return of the day on which any notable event took place

*He gave me a necklace as an **anniversary** gift.*

annual

a. occurring or payable every year

*It says that the Queen's role in the **annual** state opening of parliament should be changed.*

anonymous

a. having no name; having unknown or unacknowledged name

The buyer, who wished to remain **anonymous**, is a foreigner with homes in Europe.

antique

n. any furniture old and valuable; out of fashion

*The woeful ongoing situation of open archaeological sites which are being systematically plundered by **antique** smugglers will be another priority issue.*

anxiety

n. concern something in state of painful uneasiness; state of restlessness and agitation

*To wait in **anxiety** is perhaps the hardest thing in life; tea, tobacco, and hot baths are the possible anodynes.*

anyhow

ad. in any way or manner whatever; at any rate; in any event

*I couldn't think of the name of that man **anyhow**.*

apart

ad. separately, in regard to space or company; in a state of separation as to place; aside

*In fact, I doubt anyone knew his real name **apart** from the security staff.*

appeal

n. attraction; charm; attract; fascinate; challenge

*Oxfam is making a big **appeal** for humanitarian aid to Darfur and neighbouring Chad, where millions of people have been made homeless by fighting.*

appetite

n. instinctive physical desire, especially one for food or drink

*China's fashion conscious urban young are developing a growing **appetite** for the cool white look of platinum jewellery.*

apply

v. exert; put into service; avail oneself to;

*You cannot **apply** all money to your mortgage.*

appointment

n. act of putting a person into a non-elective position;

arrangement

*Mr. Straw's **appointment** as Foreign Secretary has triggered speculation in London about the Prime Minister's motives for the change.*

appreciate

v. be thankful for; increase in worth; be thoroughly conscious of

*I am truly thankful for the stocks, which would **appreciate** in value considerably in future years.*

approach

n. access; method

*Faced with an increasingly competitive jobs market and frequent bad publicity over pay and conditions, the army is getting ever more sophisticated and corporate in its **approach** to recruitment.*

appropriate

v. acquire; take possession of for one's own use; set apart for specific use

*The ranch owners **appropriate** the lands that have originally been set aside for the Indians' use.*

approval

n. official approbation; endorsement; act of approving

*First, Ehrlich knows it would be extremely unlikely to win **approval** from the Democratic-dominated General Assembly.*

area

n. plane surface, as of the floor of a room; open space in a building; the enclosed space; extent; scope; range

*His special interest lies in the **area** of literature.*

argue

v. invent and offer reasons to support or overthrow a proposition, opinion, or measure; debate

*The United States should, they **argue**, attempt to remain aloof.*

arrogant

a. arising from feeling or assumption of one's superiority toward others

*He often speaks in an **arrogant** tone, which doesn't encourage others to discuss with him.*

article

n. essay; editorial; individual thing or element of a class

*The protests were caused by an **article** in a national newspaper.*

ashamed

a. affected by shame; abashed or confused by guilt

*Are you **ashamed** for having lied?*

aside

ad. on, or to, one side; out of a straight line, course, or direction;
at a little distance from the rest

*All joking **aside**, can you swim 15 miles?*

aspirin

n. white crystalline compound drug to relieve pain and reduce fever and inflammation

*Plavix, along with **aspirin**, is widely used to prevent heart attacks and strokes.*

assault

n. attack; onslaught

*He's charged with interfering with the performance of a flight crew by **assault** or intimidation.*

assist

v. give help or support to, especially as a subordinate

*A good way to **assist** is to bring entrepreneurial and business skills to them.*

associate

v. connect or join together; combine

*The public is likely to **associate** a word or mark with a given company.*

assume

v. suppose; presume; take on; bear

He looked at me long and hard: I turned my eyes from him, fixed them on

the fire, and tried to **assume** and maintain a quiet.

assure

v. solidify; guarantee; convince

*I know it, and I don't wish to palliate them, I **assure** you.*

attack

n. offensive move; expression of strong criticism; hostile comment

*A national newspaper received an anonymous phone call warning about the **attack** just minutes before the first device exploded.*

attempt

n. action of trying at something

*I also want to claim that this **attempt** is a romantic one.*

attend

v. be present at; go to; take care of; tend

*Britain's House of Lords has been described as the best club in London and for many of the hereditary members who rarely **attend** debates, that's just what it is.*

attitude

n. posture, action, or disposition of a figure or a statue

*One of the major reasons for this change in **attitude** is that there's more money around.*

attorney

n. lawyer; one who is appointed by another to act in his place or

stead; proxy

*Did this **attorney** mean to throw away his client's life without an effort?*

attractive

a. appealing; pleasing; inviting; tempting

*The mobile phone companies argue that reducing taxes will make legally imported phones more **attractive** than the cheaper smuggled models.*

auction

n. public sale of property to the highest bidder

*The **auction** is over and the winning bid was 1000 dollars.*

audience

n. a group of people within hearing; crowd seeing a stage performance

*You should have a clear idea about who your **audience** is and how you can exploit your product to them through the correct platform.*

authority

n. jurisdiction; power to enforce laws, exact obedience, command, determine, or judge; government

*The laws will reinforce Australia's **authority** to turn boats away from Australia.*

available

a. convenient for use or disposal; not busy, free; obtainable; accessible

*Vaccines are **available** but are costly and only offer relatively short-term protection so the animals need regular booster vaccinations.*

List 3

avoid

v. shield away from; prevent

*If you are the press secretary to the President of the United States, the main thing to **avoid** is becoming the story yourself.*

aware

a. knowing; having knowledge or cognizance

*BPA, as you're likely **aware**, is a chemical commonly found in plastics, food cans, and water bottles.*

awful

a. causing fear, dread, or terror; extremely bad or unpleasant; terrible

*He says the budget is in **awful** shape and we need to take steps to fix it.*

awkward

a. difficult to handle or manage

*John Kerry recently spoke of his faith, but he's more **awkward** about it than the born again President Bush.*

bachelor

n. unmarried men; the first or lowest academic degree conferred by universities and colleges

*A soon-to-be-married man's friends throw him the ultimate **bachelor** party.*

bacon

n. back and sides of a pig salted and smoked

*They built a fire against the side of a great log, and then cooked some **bacon** in the frying-pan for supper.*

badge

n. distinctive mark, token, or sign worn on the person

*He was awarded a merit **badge** for his bravery in the battle.*

baggage

n. trunks, bags, parcels, and suitcases in which one carries one's belongings while traveling; luggage

*When you fully engage in the present, there is no room for **baggage** from the past or fear of the future.*

bait

v. harass; tease; lure, entice, or entrap

*The school bully will **bait** the smaller children, terrorizing them.*

bake

v. prepare, as food, by cooking in a dry heat, either in an oven or under coals, or on heated stone or metal

*In some places, people still **bake** bricks in the sun.*

balance

n. being in equilibrium; equilibrium; symmetry; stability

*Many here see the ruling against US cotton subsidies as just the first step in tipping the **balance** of future world trade talks in favour of developing countries.*

balcony

n. platform projecting from the wall of a building

*He planted some flowers on the **balcony** that projects over the street.*

bald

a. hairless; lacking a natural or usual covering

*Although he carried, under his wig, a perfectly **bald** and shiny head, he had only reached middle age.*

ballet

n. a sort of theatrical representation by dancers

*That school strives to be an international leader in **ballet** training.*

band

n. orchestra; team; strip; ribbon; belt; unite; ally

*The **band**, made up of four previously unknown young actors, have provoked hysteria across Asia since starring in the Taiwanese TV series.*

bang

n. a vigorous blow; a conspicuous success

*But there are fears that if the Egyptian side doesn't play well, the crowds will stay away and the African Cup may go off with a whimper rather than a **bang**.*

banner

n. flag; sign; a newspaper headline that runs across the full page

*The red top refers to the color of the **banner** at the top of the paper.*

bar

n. a counter where you can obtain food or drink; cafe; strip; stick

*For low paid male workers - many from South Asia - the cafeterias are a social focus - the equivalent of a **bar** or pub in non-Muslim countries, a place to meet friends and workmates.*

barbecue

n. a rack to hold meat for cooking over hot charcoal usually out of doors

*The authorities believe it could have been started by a **barbecue** which had not been put out properly and have announced that they will be questioning suspects in the morning.*

bare

a. lacking the usual or appropriate covering or clothing

*Silent in **bare** feet, he swiftly crossed the cold marble floor, sliding into bed just as the door creaked open.*

barely

ad. just; only; hardly; scarcely

*Only a few years ago there were no mobile phones, landlines **barely** worked.*

bargain

n. agreement between parties concerning the sale of property

*"A part of me you must become," he answered steadily; "otherwise the whole **bargain** is void."*

barn

n. an outlying farm building for storing grain or animal feed and housing farm animals

*You start--did you hear a noise? I daresay it is only a rat scrambling along the rafters of the adjoining schoolroom: it was a **barn** before I had it repaired and altered, and they are generally haunted by rats.*

barrel

n. vessel; large cylindrical container

*With the oil price soaring above thirty dollars a **barrel** and the pumps going nearly at full capacity, Gulf Arab coffers are overflowing with unforeseen wealth.*

baseball

n. game played with a bat and ball by two opposing teams of nine players; ball used in this game

Baseball is more popular than any other sport in Japan.

basement

n. cellar; storage room

*There are so many things of India which are either lying in the **basement** of the Victoria and Albert Museum or in the India Office Library.*

battery

n. beating or pounding; set of guns or heavy artillery; dry cell that produces electric current

*I'm hoping the **battery** is just dead and that a quick charge will solve everything.*

bay

n. inlet of the sea, usually smaller than a gulf; small body of

water set off from the main body

*In the library, the books on history are all kept in one **bay**.*

beam

n. ray of light; long piece of metal or wood; long piece fixed or movable in structure, machine, or tool

*During a severe earthquake, each **beam** will absorb the shock by crumpling, thereby preventing serious damage to the tower.*

bear

v. support; sustain; carry; have; yield; give birth; hold up or support

*They studied the ways in which the relativity theory can **bear** on the history of science.*

bearing

n. carrying another part; patient endurance; suffering without complaint; act of producing or giving birth

*The U.S. Mint is set to unveil a new \$1 coin **bearing** the image of President Abraham Lincoln.*

beat

v. whip; strike; defeat; hit repeatedly

*Speak roughly to your little boy; And **beat** him when he sneezes; He only does it to annoy; Because he knows it teases.*

beaten

a. formed or made thin by hammering; totally worn-out; exhausted

*Finally we saw a village located well off the **beaten** path.*

become

v. suit or be suitable to; be worthy of, or proper for; cause to appear well; grow or come to be

*I am tired and let me answer this question tomorrow, I will **become** clearer in the morning.*

behalf

n. represent; advantage, benefit, interest of someone

*And I'm going to work to assure that that voice that is heard on their **behalf** is a roar and not a whisper.*

behave

v. perform; conduct oneself in a proper way

*How we **behave** is up to us, ” but Nikolai believes that everything is predetermined by one's particular circumstances.*

belly

n. part of human body which extends downward from breast to thighs, and contains bowels; womb

*His **belly** is like a cooking pot, Which happens when you eat a lot.*

beloved

a. greatly loved; dear to the heart

*But if I go on until my **beloved** is my bride, and she has taken up my fate, and we are one, and the world knows no difference, what then?*

bend

v. strain or move out of a straight line; curve; turn toward some

certain point

*Few will have the greatness to **bend** history itself, but each of us can work to change a small portion of events.*

benefit

n. advantage; something that aids or promotes well-being ;
welfare; gain

*Another **benefit** for business is the elimination of currency risk in the Euro area - the possibility that you might lose money in cross border trade because of exchange rate movements.*

List 4

bent

a. determined to do or have

*We are **bent** on going to the theater no matter how heavy the snow is.*

bet

n. stake or pledge upon the event of a contingent issue; amount or object risked in a wager

*I truly believe this set back, my **bet** is they will recover and move on, hopefully sooner than soon.*

betray

v. be unfaithful; reveal unconsciously or unwillingly

*The two spies **betray** their country by selling military secrets to the enemy.*

bid

v. make an offer of; propose; offer in words; declare, as a wish, a greeting, a threat, or defiance

*"Then you and I must **bid** good-bye for a little while?" "I suppose so, sir."*

bite

v. pierce skin with teeth; seize with the teeth; sting with a stinger; eat into; have a sharp taste

*Our laws must **bite**, that is the only language that the criminals will understand.*

bitter

a. harsh or corrosive in tone; painful; acrid; acrimonious

*He is perhaps the best qualified person for many years to solve a long standing and **bitter** dispute.*

bizarre

a. fantastic; violently contrasting; strangely unconventional in style or appearance

*The plot of the novel was too **bizarre** to be believed.*

blame

v. condemn; rebuke; find fault with; censure

*Dr. David Viner from the Climatic Research Unit at the University of East Anglia in Britain says that natural variability in the weather is probably to **blame** but human influence can't be ruled out.*

blank

a. of a white or pale color; without color; empty; void

*But he stares out over my shoulder at the skyline, his expression **blank**, seemingly disinterested in whether I choose to go with him or not.*

blast

n. explode; burst; gale; very strong gust of wind or air

*The **blast** is the deadliest such incident since a series of ones killed three people in Bangkok on New Year's Eve in 2006.*

bleed

v. emit blood; lose blood; withdraw blood from the body

*All the young soldiers are ready to **bleed** for the country.*

bless

v. make or pronounce holy; consecrate; make happy

*My family and I will be praying along with Rick that God will again **ble**ss your country.*

block

v. hinder; obstruct; indicate broadly without great detail; sketch
*He failed to get enough allies to **block** the reform.*

blonde

a. of a fair color; light-colored; as, blond hair; a blond complexion.

*It was the wig this woman wore during a two-day robbery across New York that earned her the name **blonde** bandit.*

board

n. a committee having supervisory powers; a flat piece of material designed for a special purpose

*Instruments on **board** include the Neutral Gas and Ion Mass Spectrometer which will analyse the chemical composition of the comet nucleus - the icy core in the head of the comet.*

boarding

n. wooden boards collectively; act of entering a ship; supplying with meals and lodgings for pay

*If I had a kid like that, I'd put him in **boarding** school.*

bold

a. brave; daring; intrepid; impudent

*The release of the **bold** young newspaper editor-in-chief after five months detention without trial marks a significant victory for those who mounted a vigorous campaign against the injustice he faced.*

bolt

v. dash or dart off; move or jump suddenly

*Jack was set to **bolt** out the front door.*

bond

n. link; connection; uniting force or tie; binding agreement; duty

*Last year, the average short-term **bond** fund gained about 9%, according to Morningstar.*

bonus

n. an extra dividend to the shareholders; money paid in addition to a stated compensation

*She's very dissatisfied at not getting a **bonus**.*

boom

n. bonanza; prosperity; prosper; expand; flourish

*It is a hi-tech **boom** town, the centre for dozens of successful biotech and IT firms and the home to an ever-expanding middle class, many of whom have studied in the US or worked for US companies.*

booth

n. house or shed built for temporary occupation; covered stall or temporary structure

*There is a telephone **booth** near the cinema.*

border

n. outer part or edge of anything, as of a garment, a garden; margin; verge; brink; boundary

This table had a cover made out of beautiful oilcloth, with a red eagle

*painted on it, and a painted **border** all around.*

bore

v. drill; make a hole in or through, with or as if with a drill

*Three types of protein that enable the cells to **bore** in and out of blood vessels.*

bother

v. annoy; trouble; make agitated or nervous; fluster

*But that doesn't **bother** me because I don't want love, I want my music.*

bounce

v. jolt; rebound after having struck an object or a surface

*All patients **bounce** back to good health with that particular medicine.*

bound

n. tied; held; committed; limit; constraint; leap; jump

*Supreme Court ended a term **bound** to affect our lives in significant ways in the months ahead.*

boutique

n. shop or place where sold at retail; small shop within a large department store or supermarket

*Located in historic Fabric Row, the **boutique** is a good place for gem buyers.*

brand

n. burning piece of wood; mark made by burning with a hot iron; distinctive mark upon in any way

He has his own **brand** of humor and always brings laugh for us.

break

n. opportunity to do something; pause or interval, as from work; sudden change

*A former boxer, he got his **break** as an actor when he replaced Marlon Brando in the Broadway production of 'A Streetcar Named Desire'.*

breakdown

n. process of failing to function or continue; sudden collapse in physical or mental health; summary of itemized data

*His frequent depressions were the prelude to a complete mental **breakdown**.*

breeze

n. light current of air; gentle wind; progress swiftly and effortlessly

*Tomorrow Night: A light but steady **breeze** from the southwest keeps temperatures warmer than tonight.*

bribe

n. something serving to influence or persuade; reward or gift with a view to prevent judgment

*The businessman offers **bribe** to him to get that contract.*

brief

a. short in time, duration, length, or extent; concise

*When my **brief** career as a pop star ended, I found I had done fairly well.*

briefcase

n. portable, often flat case with a handle, used for carrying papers or books

*After each campaign stop, he returned to his car, where his black-leather **briefcase** is always in its place beside him.*

brilliant

a. full of light; shining; bright; sharp and clear in tone

*The refreshing meal, the **brilliant** fire, the presence and kindness of her beloved instructress, had roused her powers among them.*

brutal

a. like a brute; savage; cruel; inhuman; merciless

*In many cases, a rich businessman reached the top by trampling on others in the most **brutal** way.*

bubble

n. foam; dome-shaped covering made of transparent glass or plastic; fantastic or impracticable idea or belief

*This is the most anticipated public offering since the dotcom **bubble** burst four years ago.*

buck

v. move quickly and violently; jump vertically; strive with determination

*John is trying to **buck** for a promotion.*

bucket

n. vessel for drawing up water from a well; vessel for hoisting and conveying coal, ore, grain

*It may be a drop in the **bucket**, but when it comes to violence, any drop is a dangerous one.*

List 5

bud

n. one that is not yet fully developed; sprout

*The first thing to be thought of is to pluck the disease in its **bud**, which is best done by injections.*

budget

n. estimate; a sum of money allocated for a particular purpose

*Earlier this week EU governments voted to bend the rules so that France and Germany wouldn't be penalized for breaking the rules on **budget** deficits.*

bug

n. general name applied to various insects

*It might have seemed to him a waste of ammunition to kill a **bug** with a battery of artillery.*

bull

n. male of any species of cattle; large, strong, and aggressive person; optimist regarding business conditions

*We are in a medium-term **bull** market, which is a corrective move within a long term bear market.*

bully

n. noisy, blustering fellow; one who is threatening and quarrelsome; insolent, tyrannical fellow

*I found early in life that the best way to defeat a **bully** is a punch to the nose.*

bump

n. impact as from a collision; lump on the body caused by a blow

*Have you ever found a small lump or a **bump** on your body?*

bunch

n. clump; cluster; gathering

*They found the sharp new heap they were seeking, and ensconced themselves within the protection of three great elms that grew in a **bunch** within a few feet of the grave.*

bush

n. place abounding in trees or shrubs; wild forest

*We was in the path to the mill; and when they got pretty close on to us we dodged into the **bush** and let them go by, and then dropped in behind them.*

business

n. rightful concern or responsibility; occupation, work, or trade in which a person is engaged; commercial enterprise

*I think that women doing big things in **business** is inspirational to others because it helps to eliminate role discrimination.*

bust

n. occasion for excessive eating or drinking; complete failure; sculpture of the head and shoulders of a person

*The chairman warned that a deal with the banks must be struck by May; or, with major debt repayments due over in 18 months, the business could go **bust**.*

buzz

n. confusion of activity and gossip; sound of rapid vibration
*Still, despite the robust growth, if you listen closely to the analysts and bankers, you can pick up a low **buzz** of concern over some areas of the economy.*

cabin

n. small room on a ship or boat where people sleep
*British Airways says passengers reported a slight smell of petrol in the **cabin** of BA flight 003 bound for New York.*

cabinet

n. group of persons appointed by a head of state or a prime minister; hut; cottage; small house; small room; closet
*On Wednesday, the Indian **cabinet** deferred an anti-corruption legislation.*

cable

n. very strong thick rope made of twisted steel or metal wire
*It provides **cable** television services and high speed internet services to the community.*

cafe

n. coffee house; restaurant where coffee and liquors are served
*The police came and ejected the noisy youths from the **cafe** room.*

cafeteria

n. restaurant where you serve yourself and pay a cashier
*The Medicine Hat College **cafeteria** offers wide range of food services.*

calendar

n. orderly arrangement as years, months, weeks, and days; a table showing months, weeks, and days

*He didn't like the desk **calendar** and put it on the shelf.*

campaign

n. battle ;a series of actions advancing a principle or tending toward a particular end

*The Clinton **campaign** has raised more money in the first three months of this year than all nine Democratic candidates combined.*

campus

n. field where the buildings of a university are situated

*Usually a **campus** includes libraries, lecture halls, student residential areas and park-like settings.*

cancel

v. revoke; call off; omit or delete

*The meeting in Addis Ababa has heard Chinese promises to **cancel** debts and increase Chinese investments in Africa.*

candidate

n. person who is considered for something; person who seeks or is nominated for an office, prize, or honor

*The European Union is welcoming these ten **candidate** countries with open arms and wide smiles.*

capable

a. having the ability required for a specific task

*Canadian politicians have been in **capable** of ending this primitive practice.*

capacity

n. mental or physical ability; ability to accommodate

*Mike had the **capacity** to handle several jobs at once.*

cape

n. piece or point of land, extending beyond the adjacent coast into the sea or a lake; sleeveless outer garment

*Out on the **cape** is a fine lighthouse which we had admired as we came up the coast on the ship.*

capital

n. wealth in form of money or property; assets available for use; city that is the official seat of government

*It has so far received \$45 billion in **capital** from the Treasury and the Treasury is insuring \$300 billion dollars of their assets.*

capture

n. act of seizing by force, or getting possession of by superior power; thing taken by force, surprise, or stratagem

*He presently got safely beyond the reach of **capture** and punishment.*

card

n. flat, rectangular piece of stiff paper, cardboard, or plastic; business card; credit card

*I have received only one Christmas **card** by now.*

carrot

n. root of cultivated varieties of the plant, usually spindle-

shaped, and of a reddish yellow color
*The dish of boiled beef and **carrot** tastes good.*

carry

v. convey or transport in any manner from one place to another;
hold or support while moving; bear

*They **carry** the news by word of mouth to every settlement in a few days.*

cart

n. common name for various kinds of vehicles; two-wheeled
vehicle; light business wagon

*The horse pulled a **cart** loaded with potatoes.*

cash

n. money paid at the time of purchase; money in the form of
bills or coins; currency

*You must pay **cash** there; we don't offer credit.*

cast

v. assign the roles of; choose at random

*More interesting still is the fact that the producers say they're going to use
a television reality show to **cast** the three actors who will play Evo
Morales in the different stages of his life.*

cast

v. throw with force; hurl; deposit or indicate; choose actor for;
give a form to; arrange

*We saw waves that **cast** driftwood far up on the shore.*

casual

a. informal; purposeless; occurring by chance

*The wildlife officer, in **casual** conversation, asks Hunter Joe where that deer came from.*

catch

v. capture or seize, especially after a chase; take by or as if by trapping; reach just in time

*A person's genetic makeup has a strong influence on the likelihood that they **catch** HIV.*

catching

a. act of seizing or taking hold of; captivating; alluring

*That is the appeal in **catching** them I think, it is amazing to pull something so massive out of muddy water, that few people actually see.*

catholic

a. broadly sympathetic; universal; related to Roman Catholic Church

*He was extremely **catholic** in his taste and read everything he could find in the library.*

cellar

n. room or rooms under a building, and usually below the surface of the ground

*The New Zealand wineries are similar to the American wineries and welcome visitors to what they call the **cellar** door.*

cemetery

n. place or ground set apart for the burial of the dead; graveyard

*A vehicle for conveying a coffin is to a church or **cemetery**.*

cereal

n. grass such as wheat, oats, or corn, the starchy grains of which are used as food.

*I have a bowl of **cereal** every morning.*

List 6

ceremony

n. formal act or set of acts performed as prescribed by ritual or custom

*A swearing in **ceremony** is set for this afternoon for a man who will replace the late Senator Ted Kennedy.*

certificate

n. document attesting to the truth of certain stated facts; document issued to a person completing a course

*A diploma or **certificate** is given on graduation from university.*

challenge

v. assert a right; raise a formal objection; take exception to
*Nowadays no one will **challenge** the fact that the earth is round.*

chamber

n. cell; compartment; room

*Before being taken to the execution **chamber** he acknowledged that he deserved punishment, but he said it was unfair that he was paying the ultimate price while his co-defendant, his girlfriend, who was charged as a juvenile, had the chance of a normal life.*

champagne

n. light wine, of several kinds, originally made in the province of Champagne, in France

*Why don't we crack open a bottle of **champagne** to celebrate?*

champion

v. protect or fight for as first place

*Martin Luther King, Jr., they believe he could **champion** the oppressed in their struggle for equality.*

channel

n. passage for water or other fluids to flow through; bed of a stream or river; route of communication or access

*You should take her request through official **channel**, there is no private room for her issue.*

chaos

n. disorder; condition or place of great disorder or confusion; disorderly mass

*Their job is to stop a repeat of the **chaos** that blighted the last election in 2002.*

chapel

n. place of worship that is smaller than and subordinate to a church; service conducted in a chapel

*Slightly smaller than the shrine, the **chapel** is also a domed structure cruciform in plan.*

chapter

n. division of a book or treatise; assembly of monks; bishop's council; organized branch of some society

*A new **chapter** in a novel is something like a new scene in a play.*

charge

v. set or ask for a certain price; load to capacity; fill; instruct or

urge authoritatively; command

*The barbers share same service price of haircut: they **charge** six dollars for boy and ten for girl.*

charity

n. activity or gift that benefits the public at large

*This is potentially embarrassing for those involved in the concerts, as the rock stars use **charity** to disguise self promotion.*

charm

n. power or quality of pleasing or delighting; attractiveness; item worn for its supposed magical benefit

*Her spirit and **charm** is going to be a great lesson to all young women and teens*

chart

n. graph; diagram; map showing coastlines, water depths, or other information of use to navigators

*A fisherman's **chart** may be the crucial evidence which finally help to put to rest the mystery of what happened to Roald Amundsen.*

chase

v. pursue for the purpose of killing or taking; hunt; follow as if to catch

*He saw the policeman **chase** the mugger down the alley.*

chat

n. talk without exchanging too much information; informal conversation

*Inviting others into the **chat** is as simple as sending them a human-readable URL, and nobody has to sign up or answer an invitation email.*

check

v. stop motion; curb or restrain

*"Young man," she said, "you'd better **check** your temper."*

check

n. ticket or slip of identification; written order to bank to pay from deposit

*He paid all his bills by **check**.*

cheer

n. lightness of spirits or mood; source of joy or happiness; festive food and drink; refreshment

*The best way to spread Christmas **cheer** is to sing loud for everyone to hear!*

cherish

v. harbor; treasure; treat with affection and tenderness; hold dear

*One aspect of my marriage that I truly **cherish** is the way Darrell and I work together as a team.*

chew

v. bite and grind with the teeth

*You must **chew** your food well before you swallow it.*

chief

a. highest in office or rank; principal; head

*The **chief** difficulty Alice found at first was in managing her flamingo.*

chill

a. cool; freeze

*When mists as **chill** as death wandered to the impulse of east winds along those purple peaks, and rolled down "ing" and holm till they blended with the frozen fog of the beck!*

chin

n. central forward portion of the lower jaw; bottom of face

*The face is mild and weak, especially in the thin short **chin** and feeble mouth.*

chip

v. cut small pieces from; diminish or reduce to shape; break or crack

*The snow stopped and they began to **chip** ice from the windows.*

choir

n. band or organized company of singers, especially in church service

*Some people will say that being in **choir** is lots of involvement because you have both rehearsals and services, which is true.*

choke

v. breathe with great difficulty, as when experiencing a strong emotion; reduce the air supply

*He so worked upon his feelings with the pathos of these dreams, that he had to keep swallowing, he was so like to **choke**; and his eyes swam in a blur of water, which overflowed when he winked, and ran down and trickled from the end of his nose.*

circuit

n. electrical device that provides a path for electrical current to flow

*But, on rare occasions, microscopic metal particles can lead to a short **circuit** within the cell, causing overheating and potentially flames.*

circus

n. public entertainment of performances by acrobats, clowns, and trained animals

*I am not an animal rights person, but training animals to perform in a **circus** is cruelty.*

civil

a. having to do with citizens or the state; courteous and polite

*Although Internal Revenue Service agents are **civil** servants, they are not always courteous to suspected tax cheats.*

civilian

a. of or relating to nonmilitary life

*The first is integrating former rebels back into **civilian** life.*

claim

n. demand for something as rightful or due

*They struck in support of their **claim** for a shorter work day.*

classic

n. work of acknowledged excellence and authority, or its author; creation of the highest excellence

*His face was like a Greek face, very pure in outline: quite a straight, **classic** nose; quite an Athenian mouth and chin.*

clear

ad. out of the way; completely away

*Read the book **clear** to the end.*

clearance

n. act of clearing; space cleared; permission to proceed or trust

*Professors who wish to work with human genetic material need **clearance** from their university's review board.*

click

v. make a slight, sharp noise by gentle striking; tick

*Students prefer to **click** mouse rather than to strike keyboard.*

client

n. someone who pays to get goods or services

*Gentlemen, my plan is broken up: what this lawyer and his **client** say is true: I have been married, and the woman to whom I was married lives!*

clinic

n. healthcare facility for outpatient care

*In one of the worst-hit villages in the Bachu area, authorities say about a thousand homes collapsed and at least one school and a **clinic**.*

clip

n. small section of filmed or filed material

*Phil's job at Fox Sports involved selecting the most important **clip** of the day's sporting highlights for later broadcast.*

closet

n. small room or apartment; room for privacy

*Please put the coats back into the **closet**.*

List 7

clue

n. a ball of thread or cord; thread; something guides or directs anything of a doubtful or intricate nature

*A main **clue** is a sample of blood that was found at the scene.*

coach

n. tutor; teacher; a vehicle carrying many passengers

*When the players and **coach** arrive back later today they'll be greeted as national heroes in the stadium where the first modern Olympics were held.*

cocaine

n. drug extracted from coca leaves as a surface anesthetic or taken for pleasure, that can become addictive

*The dog sniffed out more than \$1.6 million in **cocaine** from a sports utility vehicle, officials said.*

code

n. body of law; system of rules or regulations relating to one subject; system of symbols, letters, or words

*Do you know the postal **code** of this postal district?*

coin

v. make pieces of money from metal; invent or fabricate

*Slanderers **coin** nasty rumors.*

coincidence

n. two or more things occurring at the same time by chance

Was it just a **coincidence** that John and she had chanced to meet at the market, or was he deliberately trying to seek her out?

column

n. pillar; cylindrical or polygonal support for roof; anything resembling, in form or position; upright body or mass

*This **column** is the latest in our series of interview articles.*

combat

v. struggle as with an opposing force; fight with

*The ship has to **combat** the wind and waves this morning.*

comedy

n. light and humorous drama with a happy ending

*Anne Bancroft was also a regular in the **comedy** films made by her beloved second husband Mel Brooks.*

comic

a. arousing or provoking laughter; ridiculous; amusing; humorous

*And, because the **comic** strips take place in superhero land, there are hints of the super-human.*

comment

v. express an opinion; remark

*She refused to **comment** about David Beckham's eye injury.*

commercial

a. money-making; involved in work that is intended for the mass

market

*China's economic growth has been fuelled by investment in new factories and other **commercial** premises, many of them producing low-cost goods.*

commission

n. fee for services; group of people appointed to find out about something; authorize

*China has hit back, its foreign ministry urging the Congressional **commission** to wipe out its prejudice, respect the truth.*

commit

v. do something that cannot be changed; cause to be admitted
*And small bands of extremists may again **commit** heinous crimes in the name of faith.*

commitment

n. pledge, undertaking; act of binding yourself to a course of action

*My main **commitment** is in the promotion of human values; this is what I consider the key factor for a happy life at the individual level, family level and community level.*

committee

n. special group delegated to consider some matter

*He was director of the central bank's monetary policy **committee** which sets Brazil's interest rates.*

communicate

v. send information about; make known; impart; reveal clearly
*Well, it came to me that the best way to **communicate** is to have direct, personal contact with people.*

communication

n. activity of communicating; activity of conveying information

*They predict that the vast majority of internet connections will be by mobile **communication** devices closer to pocket computers than portable telephones.*

community

n. society; a group of people living in the same locality and under the same government

*Where governments manage public life, human freedom in **community** is compromised.*

company

n. team; guard team; group of persons; business enterprise

*I slipped out of the room, unobserved by any eye - for the **company** were gathered in one mass about the trembling trio just returned.*

compare

v. examine and note the similarities or differences of

*We **compare** the copy with the original, but there was not much difference.*

competition

n. struggle; rivalry; act of competing as for profit or a prize

*There she's against tough **competition** such as Meryl Streep but this award will give her extra momentum towards what's undoubtedly the bigger prize in movies.*

competitive

a. of or pertaining to competition; producing competition;

showing a fighting disposition

*Nobody can entirely keep away from this **competitive** world.*

complex

a. complicated in structure; a whole structure, as a building, made up of interconnected or related structures

*Prescott's speech comes as ministers from around the world struggle to overcome **complex** arguments about how the Kyoto agreement on cutting greenhouse gas emissions should work.*

complicated

a. difficult to analyze or understand

*Legally this is a hugely **complicated** case and it will take months for the judge to reach the verdict.*

compliment

n. praise; commendation; say something to someone that expresses praise

*A **compliment** is a gift, not to be thrown away carelessly, unless you want to hurt the giver.*

compound

v. combine; mix; constitute; pay interest; increase

*The makers **compound** the ingredients by design.*

compromise

v. adjust or settle by making mutual concessions; endanger the interests or reputation of

*Sometimes the presence of a neutral third party can help adversaries **compromise** their differences.*

concentrate

v. bring to or direct toward a common center; unite more closely; gather into one body

*I was now able to **concentrate** my attention on the group by the fire.*

concept

n. something formed in the mind; thought or notion

*The local chain **concept** is simple: identify your customer, cater to their tastes and once successful, expand within a neighborhood.*

concern

n. interest in any person or thing; regard; solicitude; anxiety

*There is no telling what might have happened, now, but luckily the **concern** passed out of Aunt Polly's face.*

concrete

n. solid mass; covering with cement; hard, strong construction material consisting of sand, conglomerate, and gravel

*The anti-nuclear campaigners used **concrete** blocks to attach themselves to the line; it is difficult to release them without damaging the rails.*

condition

n. mode or state of being; fitness; existing circumstances

*The Organization Man survives as a modern classic because it captures a permanent part of our social **condition**.*

conduct

v. direct the course of; manage or control; lead or guide

*You cannot **conduct** business like this.*

confess

v. acknowledge; admit

*Now, when any vicious simpleton excites my disgust by his paltry ribaldry, I cannot flatter myself that I am better than he: I am forced to **confess** that he and I are on a level.*

confidence

n. feeling secure or certain about something

*He said the aim was to restore baseball fans' **confidence**, but the new penalties for players who test positive for drugs fall far short of those in other sports.*

confident

a. assured; having or marked by assurance

*The spate of suicide bombings has provoked a massive military reaction from the Israeli government, a government which is **confident** of public backing.*

confidential

a. treated with confidence; trusted in; trustworthy; secret

*He has been on **confidential** missions to Berlin; all of us don't know his secret trip.*

confirm

v. support or establish the certainty or validity of; verify

*In the aftermath of Saturday's mass poisoning, the authorities imposed a virtual news blackout, refusing even to **confirm** how many people had died.*

conflict

n. fight; struggle; incompatibility of dates or events

*Malnutrition rates have now been cut by half since the start of the **conflict**, according to the United Nations.*

List 8

confront

v. be face to face with; oppose in hostility or competition; deal with

*Here in the heart of conservative Texas, young criminals, murderers and thugs are forced to **confront** military style discipline, a traditional view of right and wrong.*

confusion

n. mistake that results from taking one thing to be another; lack of clarity or order

*My uncle got into the back of the car, scratching his head in **confusion**, having missed the episode completely.*

Congress

n. meeting of elected or appointed representatives

*Just a day after **Congress** granted him special powers he has begun turning the screws on the international oil companies.*

conscience

n. motivation deriving logically from ethical or moral principles; source of moral or ethical judgment

*The truth in **conscience** is immediately near to me, as near as the seed that rests upon the wayside.*

conscious

a. awake; alert

*I was **conscious** that a moment's mutiny had already rendered me liable to strange penalties, and, like any other rebel slave, I felt resolved, in my*

desperation, to go all lengths.

conspiracy

n. plot; intrigue; agreement to perform together an illegal, wrongful, or subversive act

*Information minister Jerry Gana released a statement in which he says there has been an international media **conspiracy** against Nigeria.*

constant

a. invariable; repeating; continually occurring; persistent

*Yemen's state news agency says the president visited the three wounded officials at the Saudi hospital, and expressed happiness about **constant** progress in their health.*

constitution

n. law determining the fundamental political principles of a government; the act of forming something

*President Putin said Britain knew Russia's **constitution** prohibits such an extradition.*

consult

v. seek advice or information of; take into account; consider

*I will **consult** with our friends, but it's going to be what's in the interests of our country first and foremost.*

contact

v. get in touch with; reach

*But Britney, 21, says he called her at two of her homes, and even tried to **contact** her at her parents' house.*

contempt

n. state of being despised or dishonored; disgrace; disobedience to, or open disrespect of

*The poor fools, who hold science in **contempt**, have no ability to realize that science proves them wrong at every turn.*

content

n. volume; something contained; material, including text and images

*The brain is hungry not for method but for **content**, especially the latter which contains generalizations that are powerful, precise, and explicit.*

contest

v. contend for; call in question; oppose; dispute

*The lawyer decided to **contest** the claim, and tried to prove that it was false.*

contract

v. constrict; make smaller; compress or concentrate

*The heat will **contract** the woollen garment.*

contract

n. binding agreement between two or more persons that is enforceable by law

*Because he has filed for bankruptcy, the bankruptcy court could decide whether this **contract** should be paid in time.*

contrary

a. relation of direct opposition; very opposed in nature or

character or purpose

*Our boat took a course **contrary** to theirs.*

convention

n. social or moral custom; formal meeting of members, representatives, or delegates; agreement between states

*Moreover, following this **convention** is our friend's normal behavior when in such a mood.*

convict

v. find or declare guilty

*If jury decided to **convict** him of manslaughter, he could face up to 20 years in prison.*

conviction

n. judgment that someone is guilty of crime; strongly held belief

*Even her **conviction** for murder did not shake Peter's judgment that Harriet was innocent of the crime.*

convince

v. overpower; force to yield assent to truth; satisfy by proof; prove guilty

*Your argument is too weak to **convince** me; we need more evidence.*

cooperate

v. work or act together toward a common end or purpose

*The best way to get Pakistan to **cooperate** is to find the reasons why it is so keen to retain influence in Afghanistan and try to meet its concerns.*

core

n. basic, center, or most important part; essence

*But at the **core** is a story about two men who can't let go of the sense that they are dreaming their way through what might be an ultimately meaningless life.*

corner

n. position at which two lines, surfaces, or edges meet and form an angle

*I sat by myself in the **corner** without speaking.*

corporate

a. united or combined into one body; collective; belonging to corporation or incorporated body

*The demonstrators inspired thousands of allies to take to the streets to protest economic inequality and **corporate** greed.*

corporation

n. business firm; a group of people combined into or acting as one body

*The Disney **corporation** has announced that it's buying Pixar film studios for more than seven-billion dollars.*

costume

n. dress; attire; a set of clothes appropriate for a particular occasion or season

*His dark eyes and swarthy skin suited the **costume** exactly.*

couch

n. sofa; arrange or dispose as in a bed

His black leather **couch** looks expensive.

counsel

v. advise; suggest

*A pilot study has seen tribal chiefs agree to the training of local community teams, who **counsel** women and have their violent husbands arrested.*

counter

n. flat surface on which money is counted, business is transacted; one that is an opposite

*There are always long lines in every bank and the people behind the **counter** are very busy.*

couple

n. a male and female associated together; a pair who associate with one another

*He caught a married **couple** from Chicago.*

courtesy

n. polite behavior; act of civility or respect; consent or agreement in spite of fact

*They call this pond a lake by **courtesy** only.*

coward

n. person who lacks courage to face danger; timid

*This **coward** is always hiding and pointing fingers, you never see him in front of any real challenges.*

crack

v. break into simpler molecules by means of heat; split; hit forcefully; pass through

*Now the Gates Foundation hopes that its funding will help co-ordinate large scale collaborative projects that can **crack** the major scientific problems.*

crash

n. smash; collision; falling down or in pieces with a loud noise of breaking parts

*She heard a little shriek and a fall, and a **crash** of broken glass.*

crawl

v. move slowly, as people or animals with the body near the ground

*The crocodile can **crawl** along the riverbed.*

create

v. make or cause to be or to become; invest with a new thing

*He plans to **create** a new company next year.*

credit

n. arrangement for deferred payment for goods and services; money available for a client to borrow

*The proposed treaty would give **credit** to peasant farmers who developed the crops in the first place.*

creep

v. move slowly; move stealthily or cautiously

If it makes me grow larger, I can reach the key; and if it makes me grow

*smaller, I can **creep** under the door.*

criminal

n. one who has committed a crime; one who is found guilty by verdict, confession, or proof

*The **criminal** was sentenced to prison for theft.*

crisis

n. dangerous situation; crucial or decisive point or situation; a turning point

*After the **crisis** the patient either dies or gets better.*

List 9

critical

a. urgently needed; absolutely necessary; essential; acute; crucial; decisive

*He says the international community has reached what he calls a **critical** time in the overall effort to bring stability to Afghanistan.*

crown

n. ornamental circlet or head covering, made of gold with jewels and worn as a symbol of sovereignty

*Among the many diamonds in your **crown** is the way people look up to you for guidance and leadership.*

crucial

a. of extreme importance; vital to the resolution of a crisis; of the greatest importance

*The meeting of today is the **crucial** moment in his career.*

cruise

v. sail back and forth on the ocean; sail as for protection of commerce, in search of an enemy, or for pleasure

*Several privateer often **cruise** near the entrance of the channel to search big cargo.*

crush

v. press between opposing bodies so as to break or injure; extract or obtain by pressing or squeezing

*There's particular concern over reports of human rights abuses, committed by the Indonesian security forces in Aceh as they try to **crush** the*

separatist movement there.

crystal

n. quartz; glassware made of quartz; high-quality, clear, colorless glass

*In short the **crystal** is about the exterior form, not about the displays or the experience inside the building.*

cue

n. end of a thing; queue; last words of a play actor's speech; hint or intimation; humor

*He said she would be back very soon and, right on **cue**, she walked in.*

culture

n. all the knowledge and values shared by a society ; foster; raising of plants or animals

*Last week the Italian Prime Minister apologised to parliament in Rome for his alleged remarks about the superiority of western **culture** over that of Islam, claiming his words had been taken out of context.*

curb

v. bend or curve; guide and manage, or restrain

*Paradoxically, Ray's strong-arming may be helping to **curb** violence in Bangalore.*

cure

n. medical or hygienic care; remedial treatment of disease; removal of disease or evil

*The cats proved to be a good **cure** for our mouse problem.*

current

n. stream; flow; up-to-date; present

*The **current** was so swift, and then I got into the dead water and landed on the side towards the Illinois shore.*

curse

v. call upon divine or supernatural power to send injury upon; bring great evil upon

*The taxi driver who felt he didn't get a high enough tip used to **curse** his passenger.*

cute

a. ingenious; delightfully pretty or dainty

*We were just remembering when our husky was a puppy; how small and **cute** it was.*

cycle

n. periodically repeated sequence of events; long period of time; entire round in a circle or a spire

*Do they not understand that the spin **cycle** is an important part of the washing machine?*

data

n. collection of facts, observations, or other information related to a particular question or problem

*Now that **data** is required from around the world, the IEA must obtain them from a wide variety of sources.*

date

v. mark the time of; assign a date to
*Scientists often cannot **date** precisely archeological findings.*

dawn

n. time each morning at which daylight first begins; beginning; start

*When I again unclosed my eyes, a loud bell was ringing; day had not yet begun to **dawn**, and a rush light or two burned in the room.*

deadly

a. fatal; lethal; causing or tending to cause death

*Fatal floods re a regular feature of the wet season in Indonesia, but they are becoming more common and more **deadly** as population pressure.*

deaf

a. unable to perceive sounds; hard of hearing; unwilling to hear or listen; regardless; not to be persuaded

*He turned a **deaf** ear to all requests for help.*

dean

n. dignitary or presiding officer; head in the faculty of some colleges or universities

*He was elected the **dean** of our department.*

debate

n. discussion; dispute; discussion involving opposing points

*Robert Potts, who recently retired as chancellor at Arkansas State University, witnessed the nickname **debate** in two states.*

decent

a. suitable; modest.; honorable; meeting accepted standards
*I wandered the theatre – an old one from the thirties - kept in **decent** repair by those that love movies.*

deck

n. a pack of 52 cards; any of various floor-like platforms built into a vessel

*She was leaning over, with part of her upper **deck** above water, and you could see every little chimney-guy clean and clear, and a chair by the big bell, with an old slouch hat hanging on the back of it, when the flashes come.*

declare

v. state clearly; make known formally or officially

*A distinct and near voice said, "The marriage cannot go on: I **declare** the existence of an impediment."*

dedicated

a. devoted to a cause or ideal or purpose; designed for a particular use or function

*The bus rapid transit system carries a half million passengers daily in **dedicated** bus lanes.*

defeat

v. disfigure; destroy; frustrate; overcome or vanquish; resist with

*Internal conflicts **defeat** the purpose of teamwork.*

defendant

n. one required to make answer in an action or suit

The courtroom buzzed as the **defendant** was led in.

define

v. determine the nature of; give a definition; describe the nature or basic qualities of; explain

*That argument may **define** the political parties and help shape the 2012 elections.*

definite

a. fixed; exact; having distinct limits

*He introduced the closed circuit of oscillation into wireless telegraphy, and was one of the first to send electric waves in **definite** directions.*

delicate

a. pleasing to the senses, especially in a subtle way; easily hurt; very subtle in difference

*It was a fragile forest that survived in **delicate** balance for hundreds of thousands of years.*

delicious

a. extremely pleasing to the sense of taste; greatly pleasing or entertaining

*In addition, many soaps and shampoos come in **delicious** scents that can be tempting for a child.*

deliver

v. set free from restraint; set at liberty; release; give or transfer

*Whether Mr. Obama can **deliver** is a matter of considerable dispute among economists.*

denial

n. act of refusing or disowning; negation; refusal to admit the truth; refusal to grant; rejection of a request

*The government has issued a **denial** of an election in May.*

dentist

n. a person qualified to practice dentistry

*When it comes to dental care, you and your **dentist** share a common objective.*

deny

v. disagree with; refuse; declare untrue

*What I do **deny** is that we have been inconsistent with respect to our view of the Constitution*

deposit

n. money given as a guarantee or security

*In the meantime, she could keep the \$400,000 in a secure investment such as a term **deposit** or money market fund.*

depression

n. recession; economic slump; concavity in a surface produced by pressing ; sadness; low spirits

*The researchers believe that growing up in a home where parents had difficulties with **depression** or alcohol was often a trigger.*

deputy

n. one appointed as the substitute of another, and empowered to act for him; substitute in office

*I must find someone to act as a **deputy** for me during my absence.*

description

n. act of describing; sketch or account of anything in words

*They went in to the Facebook advertising page and changed the title **description** from "Advertising" to "Lying".*

desert

n. area with little or no vegetation; forsake; abandon

*An outburst of relief as Stardust finally landed in the Utah **desert** after a four and a half billion kilometre journey that had taken the craft half way out to Jupiter and through the tail of a comet.*

List 10

deserve

v. be worthy of; have a right to

*The publishers say they are not cashing in, just treating the emergency services with the respect they **deserve**.*

design

n. act of working out the form of something; creation of something in the mind; formulate a plan for

*He is hired to **design** a marketing strategy for the new product.*

desperate

a. having lost all hope; dangerous; extremely intense

*Alice felt so **desperate** that she was ready to ask help of any one.*

despise

v. dislike intensely; regard with contempt or scorn

*What they truly **despise** is the European Union, not any country.*

despite

n. lack of respect accompanied by a feeling of intense dislike; disdain, contemptuous feelings, hatred

*He didn't hide his **despite** in the party because he believed the host cheated.*

destiny

n. event that will inevitably happen in the future

*Your certain **destiny** is to grow much bigger and stronger.*

destructive

a. devastating; ruinous

*Professor Paterson thinks there's merit in another plan for floating artificial marshes in the Lagoon to help break up the most **destructive** waves.*

detective

n. investigator; one, usually of police force, who investigates crimes and obtains evidence

*Yes, I know as a **detective** you are not at liberty to make promises off-hand, but my case is a very peculiar one.*

device

n. technique or means; instrument; machine used to perform one or more relatively simple tasks

*Anti-gravity **device** could change air travel.*

diet

n. nutritional plan; nourishment; a prescribed selection of foods

*An unhealthy **diet** together with little exercise and smoking are the key risks of diseases.*

dignity

n. quality or state of being worthy of esteem or respect.

*They thought whatever wrongs had been done under his leadership, he had the right to retire with **dignity**.*

dimension

n. measure of spatial extent, especially width, height, or length; size; aspect; element

*Describing time as a **dimension** is a natural assumption.*

dip

v. insert into a fluid and withdraw again; immerse for baptism; wet, as if by immersing; moisten; appear to move downward

*Our properties **dip** towards the river, we lost them forever.*

disaster

n. catastrophe; misfortune

*He's asked President Bush to declare the area a **disaster** zone to free up federal funds.*

discipline

n. trait of being well behaved ; act of punishing ; system of rules of conduct or method of practice

*Here in the heart of conservative Texas, young criminals, murderers are forced to confront military style **discipline**.*

discount

v. give reduction in price on

*I never **discount** these books, they sell like hot cakes.*

disguise

n. dress or exterior put on for purposes of concealment or of deception

*The ring, Adele, is in my breeches-pocket, under the **disguise** of a sovereign.*

disorder

n. neglect of order or system; irregularity; disturbance; sickness
*The room is in dreadful **disorder**, you have no chance to find that box.*

display

v. exhibit; present or hold up to view; show; demonstrate; give evidence of; manifest

*The airport authorities decided to remove all Christmas trees because a Jewish rabbi threatened to sue them if they didn't also **display** a menorah.*

distract

v. cause to turn away from original focus; pull in conflicting emotional directions; unsettle

*No need to **distract** from the center ring of this circus.*

distraction

n. extreme mental or emotional disturbance; obsession; confusion of affairs; being drawn apart

*He drives me to **distraction**, I have to take a break.*

distress

n. discomfort; cause strain, anxiety, or suffering to

*Nations have been in **distress** from the days of Julius Caesar.*

disturb

v. upset; bother; trouble emotionally or mentally; put out of order; disarrange

*He has vowed to challenge government warnings not to **disturb** the country's stability and continue his political work.*

ditch

n. trench made in the earth by digging; any long, narrow receptacle for water on the surface of the earth

*This village needs a deep **ditch** or channel to run water after a prolonged downpour.*

dizzy

a. having or causing a whirling sensation

*I am a bit **dizzy** from the effort of writing and distributing, and receiving the responses.*

dock

v. deprive someone of benefits; remove or shorten the tail of an animal

*They will **dock** us of two days of our annual leave.*

dock

n. solid bony part of the tail of animal; platform where trucks, ship, or trains can be loaded or unloaded

*The ship arrived at the **dock** more than a day late.*

document

v. provide written evidence; record in detail

*She kept all the receipts from her business trip in order to **document** her expenses for the firm.*

dodge

v. avoid a blow by moving or shifting quickly aside; shifty or

ingenious trick

*Before summer, one challenge lawmakers can't **dodge** is the budget.*

domestic

a. house-hold; of or relating to the home ; within the country or home

*Only a substantial increase in the price of **domestic** fuel will make local refineries more profitable.*

donation

n. grant; act of giving to a fund or cause

*However, viewers can watch it online or download the film for free by clicking here - a **donation** is highly recommended.*

dose

n. quantity of medicine given; sufficient quantity; portion

*Since the additional **dose** is not harmful and provides extra protection, everyone is recommended to get the second one.*

dot

n. the shorter of two telegraphic signals used in Morse code; very small circular shape

*Financial markets haven't seen anything like this since the **dot** com boom of the late 1990s, which was followed by an equally dramatic crash.*

downtown

n. commercial center of a town or city

*From a distance, **downtown** Johannesburg looks impressive, a collection of skyscrapers and neon lights.*

draft

n. rough outline; draw up an outline; sketch

*Now governments are re-writing the EU's governing treaty and the **draft** version is considered by the EU's leaders in Brussels.*

drama

n. play; literary work intended for theater

*The Danes have now taken the top **drama** award at the Emmys for three out of the past four years.*

dramatic

a. striking; sensational in appearance or thrilling in effect

*The technique could lead to a **dramatic** increase in the worldwide stocks of blood available for transfusion.*

drill

v. bore; pierce; make a hole; practice; train

*Don't **drill** here, there's a gas pipe.*

drown

v. kill by submerging and suffocating in water; overwhelm in water; deaden one's awareness of

*Probably all know that a fish could **drown**, if the functions of the gills fail.*

due

a. owed and payable immediately or on demand; proper and appropriate; fitting

*We have **due** cause to honor them.*

List 11

dull

a. lacking responsiveness or alertness; intellectually weak or obtuse

*It seemed quite **dull** and stupid for life to go on in the common way.*

dumb

a. mute; lacking the power of speech

*A ceremony followed, in **dumb** show, in which it was easy to recognize the pantomime of a marriage.*

dump

v. sell at artificially low prices; throw away as refuse

*Critics argue they encourage Europe's farmers to **dump** produce on world markets.*

ease

n. satisfaction; pleasure; entertainment; freedom from care

*I don't feel at **ease** in the strange place.*

economy

n. efficient use of resources; reduction in cost; specific type of economic system

*The tribe's main **economy** is primitive agriculture and its wealth is sometimes counted in people as well as animals.*

edge

n. brink; perimeter; margin

*She stretched herself up on tiptoe, and peeped over the **edge** of the mushroom.*

edition

n. whole number of copies of a work printed and published;
single copy; act of editing

*She is an improved **edition** of her mother.*

ego

n. self, especially as distinct from the world and other selves;
exaggerated sense of self-importance

*His **ego** is as large as the Space Shuttle, all guests dislike him.*

electrical

a. pertaining to electricity; electric

*There are many lights and **electrical** instruments on the computer console.*

element

n. fundamental or essential constituent of a composite entity;
basic assumptions or principles of a subject

*There's always an **element** of danger in mountain climbing.*

elevator

n. lifting device consisting of a platform or cage

*At least one **elevator** got stuck each day, trapping people inside, although no-one was injured.*

eliminate

v. eradicate; abolish; rule out

So the EU's offer to **eliminate** the subsidy was almost universally welcomed.

embarrass

v. humiliate; shame; cause to feel self-conscious or ill at ease; disconcert

*Walk naked has serviced you, or does the idea **embarrass** you?*

emergency

n. sudden unforeseen crisis; condition of urgent need for action or assistance

*An air traffic manager reported to the Air Force that he had a signal from an **emergency** beacon.*

emotion

n. feeling; mood; state of mental agitation or disturbance

*To win they are trying to capitalize on the raw **emotion** that voters are feeling, and that is anger.*

encounter

v. face; confront; meet, especially unexpectedly; come upon

*Even children who can swim are at risk as they often move too far away from their families and then **encounter** difficulties getting back to dry land.*

energy

n. exertion of force; capacity for work or vigorous activity; usable heat or power

*Each year Americans consume a high percentage of the world's **energy**.*

engagement

n. act of engaging, pledging, enlisting, occupying, or entering into contest; state of being in gear

*After their **engagement** was announced in the papers, friends expected a wonderful wedding in near future.*

enormous

a. very great in size, extent, number, or degrees; huge; massive
*An **enormous** puppy was looking down at her with large round eyes, and feebly stretching out one paw, trying to touch her.*

entertainment

n. amusement; fun

*We feasted that evening as on nectar and ambrosia; and not the least delight of the **entertainment** was the smile of gratification with which our hostess regarded us, as we satisfied our famished appetites on the delicate fare she liberally supplied.*

enthusiasm

n. great excitement for or interest in a subject or cause; feeling of excitement

*But this year, you know, again, the energy and **enthusiasm** is with the Republicans.*

entry

n. admission; entrance; item inserted in a written record

*Beggars waited just outside the **entry** way to the cathedral.*

environment

n. surroundings; totality of surrounding conditions

*We shall never understand the natural **environment** until we see it as a*

living organism.

envy

n. malice; ill will; discontent or uneasiness at another's excellence or good fortune, accompanied with hatred

*Their new pool made them in the **envy** of their neighbors.*

episode

n. a brief section of a literary or dramatic work that forms part of a connected series

*But Mr. Chissano said he respected the views of others in the Commonwealth and didn't think the **episode** should bring about enmity between member states.*

equal

a. having the same quantity, measure, or value as another; identical

*By combining their weight, China and Russia are making it clear: they have a voice of **equal** importance to the United States.*

erase

v. rub letters or characters written, engraved, or painted

*The only way to **erase** old file is to overwrite the file with special patterns.*

errand

n. short trip taken to perform a specified task; mission; embassy

*Because his **errand** is a secret one, we need lock all his records until his returning.*

essay

n. effort made for performance of anything; short literary composition on a single subject

*I take advantage of all possible resources to win, not a mere **essay** of my power.*

essay

n. composition of any particular subject, usually shorter than formal paper

*The student has to finish his **essay** before Sunday.*

essence

n. most essential or most vital part of some idea or experience

*The two things are the same in outward form but different in **essence**.*

establish

v. set up or found; build

*His first novel did not **establish** his fame as a writer, but second one did.*

estate

n. extensive landed property; everything you own; all of your assets

*Jackson's **estate** is also subject to federal inheritance taxes.*

esteem

v. regard with respect; favorable regard

*Jill and sisters **esteem** Jack's taste in music, but they deplore his taste in clothes.*

eternal

a. forever; being without beginning or end; existing outside of time; infinite

*Every sin has two punishments attached to it, one called the **eternal** and the other the temporal.*

eventually

ad. ultimately; in the final result or issue; in the end

*Some believe California's move will shame other states and **eventually** the federal government into action on the matter.*

exchange

n. substitute; trade in; give in return for something received

*It's demanding fuel oil and an end to sanctions in **exchange** for a nuclear freeze.*

exclusive

a. not divided or shared with others; excluding much or all; not allowing something else

*As an American I do not believe in **exclusive** ethnic, racial or tribal states.*

execution

n. accomplishment; putting into practice; putting a person to death

*He immediately pleaded guilty, but broke down and wept as the presiding judge, Justice Michael Scott, donned a ceremonial black cap to order his **execution** by hanging.*

executive

n. role of government which makes sure that laws are carried

out; administrator

*It was also about restoring faith in a political system that limits and divides power between the **executive**, the legislature and the judiciary.*

List 12

exhibit

v. show, make visible or apparent

*The Metropolitan Museum plans to **exhibit** Goya's works this month.*

exotic

a. from another part of the world; foreign; strikingly strange or unusual

*Because of his **exotic** headdress, he was followed in the streets by small children who laughed at his strange appearance.*

expert

n. person with a high degree of skill in or knowledge of a certain subject

*If this **expert** is as good as Foote says, he can tie up the process for a long time.*

explode

v. erupt; blow up; burst violently as a result of internal pressure

*Three bombs **explode** outside a police station in the Greek capital Athens.*

explore

v. investigate systematically; examine; search

*One day she might look into the abyss at her leisure, **explore** its secrets and analyze its nature.*

expose

v. set forth; set out to public view

It will once again **expose** their intent to prevent an agenda that people clearly want.

extra

a. something additional of the same kind

*We made an **extra** steering-oar, too, because one of the others might get broke.*

extreme

a. outermost; utmost; farthest; most remote; at the widest limit

*Please take **extreme** measures to conserve fuel, you know, this winter will be coldest one of recent years.*

eye

n. small hole or loop; good discernment; organ of vision or of light sensitivity

*As good human resource manager, she has an **eye** for fresh talent.*

fabric

n. cloth; stuff; artifact made by weaving or synthetic fibers; structure; framework

*He took away half the **fabric** of an ordinary swimsuit - to reveal the belly button - and a superstar was born.*

fabulous

a. related in fable; devised; invented; not real

*He is a **fabulous** hero in that book.*

face

v. confront; encounter; be opposite

*The two sofas **face** each other.*

facility

n. service, space, and equipment provided for a particular purpose

*Reports say that three police officers guarding an oil **facility** were killed but no hostages were taken.*

factor

n. anything that contributes causally to a result; element; variable

*The Federation warns that unless the world's population acts now to eat a healthier diet and to take more exercise, obesity will rapidly overtake smoking as the leading lifestyle risk **factor** for heart disease and strokes.*

faint

a. lacking strength or vigor ; weak

*She set off at once, and ran till she was quite tired and out of breath, and till the puppy's bark sounded quite **faint** in the distance.*

faith

n. loyalty or allegiance to a cause or a person; complete confidence

*He lost his **faith** but not his morality.*

fake

n. imitation; counterfeit; having a false or misleading appearance

*The Football Association says it all began with a **fake** advertisement on a website, inviting foreign managers to be the new national team coach.*

fall

v. drop; sink; lose an upright position suddenly; decrease in size, extent, or range

*The pilgrims **fall** to their knees, but up to their soul.*

fame

n. favorable public reputation; great renown

*His **fame** as a poet did not come until after his death.*

familiar

a. well known or easily recognized

*To pass his driver test, John tried to be **familiar** with those roads.*

fancy

n. capricious notion; something many people believe that is false

*For it was at that hour of a warm afternoon when my **fancy** is able to hear the silent voices.*

fantastic

a. excellent; extraordinary; strange in form, conception, or appearance

*The turn of the millennium has impelled some scientists to predict a **fantastic** future.*

fantasy

n. dream; daydream; imagination unrestricted by reality

*This is a typical schoolgirl **fantasy**.*

fascinating

a. capable of arousing and holding the attention

*But as matters really stood, to watch Miss Ingram's efforts at **fascinating** Mr. Rochester.*

fatal

a. causing death

*An attack by a swarm of the reddish-brown insects can cause allergic reactions which can be **fatal** in extremely rare cases.*

fault

n. crack; a crack in the earth; defect; flaw; a wrong action

*Here she was a-bothering about Moses, which was no kin to her, and no use to anybody, being gone, you see, yet finding a power of **fault** with me for doing a thing that had some good in it.*

favour

n. act of gracious kindness; inclination to approve

*All I need add is that, whatever its quality, your story will be received in **favour** of the glory of literature.*

federal

a. of or relating to central government; national

*The new president has to face current and long term **federal** deficits.*

fee

v. give a tip beyond the agreed-on compensation

*Please remember to **fee** the steward.*

female

n. for or composed of women or girls

*One recent study in the country found at least half of **female** drug users had engaged in commercial sex.*

festival

n. a day or period of time for feasting and celebration

*One of the major themes of this year's **festival** is Africa's tortured relationship with the west, with several films making a strong case that Africa continues to be exploited.*

fetch

v. take away or remove; reduce; go or come after and bring or take back

*He lets them **fetch** dinner from a cooking-school in the neighborhood.*

figure

n. model of a bodily form; impression produced by a person; written or printed symbol representing a number

*The fact that the main **figure** is screaming his throat on the front page is enough for me.*

file

v. line; proceed in line

*The students **file** into the classroom.*

final

a. forming or occurring at the end; terminating; ultimate; conclusive

*The game is now in its **final** stages, I can see its result already.*

fit

n. hand with the fingers doubled into the palm; closed hand

*The **fit** is still there, but it wears that infamous velvet glove.*

fit

v. be the right size or shape; conform to some shape or size

*This piece won't **fit** into the puzzle, none will work for it.*

fitting

n. small accessory to a larger system; small detachable part for a machine or apparatus; act of trying on clothes

*How much time and mess could you save if the **fitting** was already clean?*

flame

n. stream of burning vapor or gas, emitting light and heat;

passion of love

*She tried to fancy what the **flame** of a candle is like.*

flash

n. emit a brief burst of light; appear briefly; sudden intense burst of radiant energy

*Dozens of people are believed to have been killed by a **flash** flood in a popular tourist area.*

List 13

fleet

n. a group of steamships under the same ownership; a group of vessels or vehicles

*The general ordered the **fleet** to remain where they were and wait for the further instructions.*

flesh

n. soft tissue of body, mainly muscle and fat; substance; reality; surface or skin of human body; meat of animals

*I always believe that killing innocent animals and consuming their **flesh** is amoral.*

fling

v. throw with force or recklessness; throw or cast away; move in an abrupt

*This news made him angry and **fling** his dish against the wall.*

flip

v. go mad, go crazy; turn upside down, or throw so as to reverse; toss with a sharp movement

*He will **flip** if he hear that he is laid off.*

float

v. drift along; make the surface of level or smooth; move lightly

*I formed an idea of my own: shadowy, like all the half-comprehended notions that **float** dim through children's brains, but strangely impressive.*

flush

v. turn red, as from fever, embarrassment, or strong emotion; glow, especially with a reddish color; flow suddenly

*We saw the sky **flush** pink at dawn.*

flush

v. flow and spread suddenly; flood

*Interestingly enough, the plunging caused the toilet to again **flush**, which is something I've never witnessed.*

focus

n. most important thing; a fixed reference point; center of interest or activity

*Who is responsible and who coordinates the attack is now the **focus** of discussion.*

forgive

v. give wholly; cease to feel resentment against; excuse for a fault or an offense; give up; resign

*To **forgive** is the ultimate grace and is in the best tradition of Jesus who taught to turn the other cheek.*

formula

n. plan; directions for making something; a group of symbols that make a mathematical statement

*He gave us a general **formula** for attacking polynomials.*

fort

n. a fortified defensive structure; permanent army post

Suddenly something flashed from the ramparts, a swirl of smoke jetted

from the **fort**, a hellish explosion rocked the battlements.

forward

ad. at or to or toward the front; toward the future

*They went slowly **forward** in the mud and trusted they would get there in time.*

foster

v. rear; promote the growth of; help develop

*Don't forget to **foster** our children's well-being and education.*

foul

n. act that violates of the rules of a sport

*But the deal involves a fifteen billion euro cash injection, and may yet fall **foul** of regulators in Brussels.*

found

v. establish or set up, especially with provision for continuing existence; melt metal and pour into a mold

*This professor is trying to **found** a new theory on firm evidence.*

foundation

n. basis on which something is grounded

*There is little **foundation** for his objections, nobody follow him.*

fragile

a. easy to destroy, delicate, not strong

*Archaeologists are amazed that such a **fragile** ancient document could have survived for so long.*

fraud

n. getting money by lying or cheating; something intended to deceive

*Supporters waited outside Meshchansky Courthouse in Moscow, where Russia's richest man has been accused of **fraud**, embezzlement and tax evasion.*

freak

n. rare and unpredictable event; person or animal that is markedly unusual or deformed

*We talked to a spokesman for the balloon company, expressed his regrets of course, and says they're trying to determine what caused the **freak** fire.*

fridge

n. container in which the coolant is pumped around by an electric motor

*Commercial **fridge** and freezer units, which go by many other names, were in use for almost 40 years prior to the common home models.*

fuel

n. substance that can be consumed to produce energy

*The newspaper article provided him with **fuel** for his speech.*

full

a. filled to satisfaction with food or drink; containing as much or as many as is possible or normal

*Luckily for Alice, the little magic bottle now had its **full** effect, and she grew no larger.*

function

n. act of executing or performing any duty; assigned duty or activity

*The **function** of an adjective is to describe or add to the meaning of a noun.*

fund

n. money; capital; a reserve of money set aside for some purpose; finance; subsidize

*An activist from Burundi lambasted the world's richer nations for not putting money into the global **fund** to fight AIDS.*

funeral

n. ceremony held in connection with burial; burial procession accompanying body to grave; end of existence

*For most people, attending a **funeral** is a time to pay respects and lend support.*

furious

a. extreme anger; raging; full of activity; energetic or rapid

*In a very short time the Queen was in a **furious** passion, and shouting 'Off with his head!' or 'Off with her head!' about once in a minute.*

fusion

n. union; act of melting together by heat

*True, the energy released in **fusion** is less than using He-3, but is magnitude cheaper and faster.*

fuss

n. angry disturbance; excited state of agitation; needlessly nervous or useless activity; protest; quarrel

*It also made me want to read a Jane Austen novel just to see what the **fuss** is all about.*

gale

n. very strong wind; gust of wind; emotional outburst as laughter or tears

*The Weather Channel warned viewers about a rising **gale**, with winds of up to sixty miles per hour.*

gallery

n. long usually narrow room ; covered corridor

*The museum's main **gallery** is reserved for the sculptures.*

gamble

v. play or game for money or other stake; lose or squander by gaming

*He used to **gamble** all his cash on pay day.*

gang

n. group of criminals who band together for mutual protection and profit; herd of buffalo or elk

*When police investigate a **gang** rape, the girl's parents have released a message.*

garbage

n. trash; worthless or nonsensical matter; food wastes

*So many better candidates and this **garbage** is what you picked?*

gear

n. toothed machine part, such as a wheel or cylinder, to transmit motion or to change speed or direction

*We are getting word that the nose **gear** has been lowered, but the main one is not down.*

generation

n. all offspring at same stage from common ancestor; interval of time between the birth of parents and their offspring

*They lived a long time, their **generation** is 100 years to us.*

generation

n. act of producing offspring or multiplying by such production; production of heat or electricity

*Dams were built for the **generation** of electricity.*

generous

a. more than adequate; willing to give and share unstintingly

*David Gilmour, the guitarist of Pink Floyd is known as a **generous** donor.*

genetic

a. of or relating to the science of gene; relating to, or influenced by origin of something

*This increases the vulnerability of crops to a major outbreak of pests or diseases; so the old breeds are needed for their valuable **genetic** material.*

genius

n. exceptional creative ability; unusual mental ability; someone who is dazzlingly skilled in any field

*They chattered all the time about Tom's plan and admired the **genius** of it.*

gentle

a. well-born; of a good family or respectable birth; mild; meek; bland; amiable; tender

*His aunt Polly stood surprised a moment, and then broke into a **gentle** laugh.*

List 14

genuine

a. authentic; real; true

*Previous efforts at establishing a framework for joint action foundered on the rocks of lingering suspicion and **genuine** differences over issues like the crisis in the Balkans.*

gesture

n. motion of hands or body to emphasize or help to express a thought or feeling

*This hand **gesture** is not unique, and it is to be found all over the world – in Australia, Africa, Asia, and Europe.*

global

a. worldwide; international; having the shape of a globe

*President Putin has said that Russia has not yet decided whether to ratify the Kyoto Protocol, the treaty aimed at reducing **global** warming.*

glorious

a. having or deserving glory; famous; characterized by great beauty and splendor; magnificent; wonderful

*Hopefully this artwork will be in **glorious** black and white, as it originally appeared.*

glow

v. shine with an intense or white heat; give forth vivid light and heat; exhibit a strong, bright color

*The children's cheeks **glow** from the cold.*

glue

v. be fixed as if by sticky substance; join or attach with or as if sticky substance

*The kids **glue** their eyes to the TV set, watching a cartoon.*

goal

n. end; objective; final purpose or aim

*My **goal**, said one, is to share this knowledge with other Afghans, especially Afghan women.*

gorgeous

a. dazzlingly beautiful; magnificent

*Just one word of warning: a Swiss team has actually qualified for the World Cup - so those Swiss men, **gorgeous** or otherwise, might all be watching the match.*

gossip

n. rumor; malicious report about other people; light informal conversation for social occasions

*Every Italian chat show, **gossip** column, and newspaper, is full of the speculation of where the Hollywood couple will marry.*

gown

n. loose, flowing upper garment; ordinary outer dress of woman; official robe of certain professional men

*But she had stopped now with a folded **gown** in her lap, and had her face in her hands, crying.*

grab

v. take or grasp suddenly; snatch; capture

*You can copy the list from that email, but it's also nice to **grab** from the collection on your hard drive.*

grace

n. elegance and beauty of movement or expression; short prayer of thanks before a meal

*Miss Ingram had now seated herself with proud **grace** at the piano.*

gracious

a. beneficent; merciful; disposed to show kindness or favor

*He actually went on to praise John McCain for giving a **gracious** concession speech.*

grade

n. step or degree in any series, rank, quality, order; relative position or standing

*He's not in the first **grade** as a musician, why do you want to learn piano from him?*

grand

a. large and impressive in size, scope, or extent

*Alice had no idea what Latitude was, or Longitude either, but thought they were nice **grand** words to say.*

grant

v. allow to have; give on the basis of merit; be willing to concede

*I **grant** the genius of your plan, but you still will not find backers.*

gratitude

n. state of being grateful; warm and friendly feeling toward a benefactor; thankfulness

*His face lit up with a glow of **gratitude**, though he did not know it.*

grave

n. place for the burial; death or extinction

*He put flowers on his mother's **grave**.*

grease

n. oil; fat; state of being covered with unclean things

*The widow she didn't scold, but only cleaned off the **grease** and clay, and looked so sorry that I thought I would behave awhile if I could.*

grief

n. pain of mind; mental suffering arising from any cause, as misfortune, loss of friends; sorrow; sadness

*Trying to follow their directions was nothing but **grief**.*

grill

v. question severely; torture or afflict

*In violation of the Miranda law, the policemen **grill** the suspect for several hours before reading him his rights.*

grip

n. hold fast or firmly; seize as in a wrestling match

*The pipeline is the first to directly link Kazakhstan's oil riches with the open sea and it decisively weakens Moscow's **grip** on Central Asia's oil reserves.*

gross

a. of huge size; excessively large; coarse; rough; not fine or delicate

*You can tell from his **gross** language that the man was uneducated.*

ground

n. solid surface of the earth; bottom; lowest part

*The other was sitting on the **ground** near the door, staring stupidly up into the sky.*

grudge

v. be unwilling or reluctant to give or admit; be envious; show discontent

*The students have to stop protesting and **grudge** the higher tuition money.*

guarantee

n. pledge that something will happen or that something is true

*If it has decided to build a stockpile of nuclear weapons as the best **guarantee** of its security, then a more dangerous confrontation will be unavoidable.*

guardian

n. one who guards, preserves, or secures; one who has, or is entitled to custody of person or property

*The movie allows admission only to persons older than 17, unless accompanied by a parent or **guardian**.*

guilty

a. deserving of blame; adjudged to have committed crime
*Don't use the word **guilty** in civil case decisions.*

hail

n. call for; salute; greet; praise vociferously
*The US Embassy in Manila found itself under a **hail** of rotten fruit early today, the latest symptom of anti-American feeling reverberating across Asia in recent days.*

handsome

a. skillful; handy; agreeable to the eye or to correct taste; having a pleasing appearance; attractive
*He is described as a **handsome**, charming and slightly older author.*

hang

v. suspend; fasten to some elevated point without support from below; hold for support
*Why don't your juries **hang** murderers? Because they're afraid the man's friends will shoot them in the back, in the dark.*

harassment

n. feeling of intense annoyance caused by being tormented; worry; annoyance; anxiety.
*The facts seem to indicate that her **harassment** is the direct result of her employer's discriminatory attitude regarding her disability.*

hardware

n. mechanical, magnetic, electronic, and electrical components making up a computer system
*Computer **hardware** is the physical part of a computer, as distinguished from the computer software that executes within it.*

harmony

n. compatibility in opinion and action; an agreeable sound
property

*I was a discord in Gateshead Hall: I was like nobody there; I had nothing in **harmony** with Mrs. Reed or her children, or her chosen vassalage.*

harsh

a. rough; coarse; severe; unpleasantly stern

*This was a **harsh** blow for the families of missing people who'd waited for decades for news of them.*

haul

v. draw slowly or heavily; pull or drag forcibly; shift direction

*He tried to **haul** the huge companies into court.*

haunt

v. be a regular or frequent visitor to a certain place; bother;
disturb

*Jason will once again **haunt** the cursed campgrounds of Crystal Lake, but this time, hockey-masked Jason is the real killer.*

hawk

n. bird of prey typically having short rounded wings and a long
tail

*The **hawk** snatched the chicken and flew away.*

heal

v. cure; make or get healthy again

*Blair memorably described the continent as a scar on the conscience of the world and insisted that the international community could **heal** it.*

hearing

n. opportunity to be heard; capacity to hear; judicial investigation of a suit at law

*If you're interested in **hearing** from the guy who's helping drive the fundraising train, read it here.*

List 15

heir

n. person who inherits some title or office

*He'd seen himself as the political **heir** of the Egyptian president, Gamal Abdel-Nasser, who had captured Arab hearts with his calls for Arab unity.*

helicopter

n. aircraft without wings that obtains its lift from the rotation of overhead blades

*Three men were lifted by **helicopter** from the burning ship.*

hell

n. place of the dead, or of souls after death where sinners suffer eternal punishment; any place of pain and turmoil

*He said, "The hottest place in **hell** is reserved for those who, in a period of moral crisis, maintain their neutrality."*

herb

n. plant lacking a permanent woody stem, some having medicinal properties

*A **herb** is a plant that is valued for qualities such as medicinal properties, flavor, scent.*

hike

v. long walk usually for exercise or pleasure

*We plan to **hike** the Rockies this summer.*

hike

n. increase in cost; the amount a salary is increased; long walk or march

*You are now telling me that the massive **hike** is coincidence and not the industrial revolution?*

hint

n. allusion; clue; brief or indirect suggestion

*Give me a **hint** about the big news.*

hobby

n. auxiliary activity; activity or interest pursued outside one's regular occupation

*The Show is Canada's largest three day **hobby** and craft exhibition.*

hold

v. keep from departing; take and maintain control over; stop dealing with

*Please **hold** all calls to the President's office while he is in a meeting.*

hop

v. move by successive leaps, as toads do; spring or jump on one foot

*They have a clown-like personality and are known to **hop** rather than run.*

horrible

a. exciting, or tending to horror or fear; hideous

*You have saved my life! - snatched me from a **horrible** death!*

hose

n. a flexible pipe for conveying a liquid or gas
*This fire **hose** is about sixty feet long.*

host

n. great number; person entertaining guests
*Well, the tapes were brought to an area radio show that the **host** is a friend of the Hogan family, and they were played on the radio here in the area.*

hostage

n. prisoner who is held by one party to insure that another party will meet specified terms
*The surviving pirate accused of taking an American ship captain **hostage** is here, and we're getting our first look at him.*

hostile

a. unfriendly; showing the disposition of an enemy
*The authorities say negative reports on Zimbabwe are a false creation by what they term a **hostile** Western media.*

hug

v. crowd together; keep close to; tight or amorous embrace
*The judge said he could **hug** her for her words; so he cried, and his wife cried again.*

hum

n. low, prolonged sound; humming noise; singing with shut mouth
*My guess is you can hear the **hum** from a mile away, is it true?*

humanity

n. kindness; virtue; all of the inhabitants of the earth

*Yugoslavia surrendered Mr. Milosevic to the war crimes tribunal in The Hague, to face charges of genocide and crimes against **humanity**.*

humble

a. low or inferior in station or quality; modest

*'May it please your Majesty,' said Two, in a very **humble** tone, going down on one knee as he spoke, 'we were trying--'*

humiliate

v. cause to feel shame; hurt the pride of

*Please do not **humiliate** anyone in a restaurant or supermarket.*

hurricane

n. big storm; severe tropical cyclone

*There's speculation that increased **hurricane** activity is related to global warming: two scientific papers this year have linked their intensity to climate change.*

hysterical

a. marked by excessive or uncontrollable emotion; affected, or troubled, with fear or panic

*During **hysterical** conditions various functions of the human body are disordered.*

identical

a. duplicate; alike; being the exact same one

*This is the **identical** room we stayed in before.*

identify

v. detect; find out; discover

*Together they intercept millions of telephone calls, emails and faxes, and with special software, searching for key words and numbers, attempt to **identify** threats from terrorists, arms proliferators and so on.*

idiot

n. foolish or stupid person; unlearned, ignorant, or simple person

*This **idiot** is addicted to spending our money to buy votes.*

illusion

n. misleading vision; being deceived by a false perception or belief

*Puncturing this **illusion** is the key to winning the battle of ideas.*

image

n. visual representation; representation of a person

*The emperor's tomb had his **image** carved in stone.*

immune

a. resistant to; free or exempt from; not subject to

*Still, the company doesn't expect to remain **immune** from the effects of the downturn.*

impact

n. forceful consequence; strong effect; influencing strongly

*It's hard to characterize the cultural effects, although easier to the vital economic **impact** on China's neighbors.*

impressive

a. making a strong or vivid impression; producing a strong effect

*From a distance, downtown Johannesburg looks **impressive**, a collection of skyscrapers and neon lights.*

impulse

n. act of applying force suddenly; an impelling force or strength

*When mists as chill as death wandered to the **impulse** of east winds along those purple peaks, and rolled down "ing" and holm till they blended with the frozen fog of the beck!*

income

n. gain from labor, business, property, or capital

*I can never do that again, two-thirds of my **income** goes in paying the interest of mortgages.*

incredible

a. unbelievable; beyond belief or understanding

*It was an amazing year for female performances and to be nominated amongst them was really **incredible**.*

indicate

v. point out; direct to a knowledge of

*Researchers **indicate** that men find it easier to give up smoking than women.*

individual

n. single person or thing; human regarded as a unique personality

If this **individual** is to be the leader of this country, she will lead us to total defeat.

inevitable

a. unavoidable; incapable of being avoided or prevented
*Though taxes are supposedly **inevitable**, some people avoid paying taxes for years.*

influence

n. power affecting person or thing; effect of one thing on another; flowing in or upon; influx
*She used her parent's **influence** to get the job quickly.*

innocent

a. naive; lacking sense or awareness; free from evil or guilt
*We all knew the **innocent** child leaving Argentina in 2008.*

insane

a. exhibiting disordered of mind; deranged in mind; very foolish
*He has an **insane** desire to finish that foolish thing.*

inspiration

n. sudden intuition as part of solving a problem; arousing to a particular emotion or action
*The theme of the ceremony is Isles of Wonder and draws much of its **inspiration** from Shakespeare's "The Tempest."*

List 16

instance

n. example that is cited to prove a contention or illustrate a point; case or occurrence

*The framework applies equally to all ecosystems and in this **instance** is adapted for wetlands.*

instinct

n. inborn pattern of behavior ; nature

*It often puts EU into conflict with members, such as Germany, whose natural **instinct** was to protect industries that employed thousands of people.*

insult

v. offend; affront; treat, mention, or speak to rudely

*You **insult** me by talking such nonsense!*

insurance

n. protection against future loss; act, business, or system of insuring

*The **insurance** industry is well prepared to make a quick estimate of the loss it will suffer.*

integrity

n. quality or condition of being whole or undivided; completeness

*Protecting global supply chain **integrity** is of the utmost importance for manufacturers.*

intelligence

n. ability to comprehend; understand and profit from experience; intellect; power of cognition

*More than half the variance between people in **intelligence** is also genetic, Mr. Shane reports, adding that smarter people "tend to be less satisfied with their jobs."*

intelligence

n. secret information about an enemy or potential enemy

*We sent out planes to gather **intelligence** on their radar coverage.*

intense

a. extreme; acute; in an extreme degree

*The Israeli and Palestinian girls engage in **intense** discussions and heated arguments.*

intent

n. something that is intended; aim or purpose

*Your main **intent** is to accurately capture a scene as your eye sees it, and then report to me.*

internal

a. inside; interior; located within the limits or surface

*An **internal** audit led to Julie Wall's downfall and her vast collection has now been auctioned to pay back some of what she owes.*

intimate

v. give to understand; imply as a possibility; make known subtly and indirectly

*Did Dick **intimate** that Jane had bad breath when he asked if she'd like a*

breath mint?

investigate

v. explore; observe or inquire into in detail; examine systematically

*NASA has launched its Contour spacecraft, one of a series of missions designed to **investigate** comets.*

invisible

a. incapable of being seen; impossible or nearly impossible to see

*The poor guys are politically **invisible**, it is the reason why they suffered so much in dark time.*

involve

v. wind round; connect with something; include necessarily; engage thoroughly

*How should we **involve** ourselves in school life?*

irony

n. expression by deliberate contrast between apparent and intended meaning; witty language used to insult

*That most of us miss the **irony** is a vivid demonstration of our blindness.*

issue

n. subject; topic; problem; edition; publication; release; publish

*The **issue** could be settled by requiring public education for everyone.*

item

n. a whole individual unit; a distinct part that can be specified separately in a group

*He noticed an **item** in the New York Times that reported his hometown.*

jail

n. building for confinement of persons held in lawful custody

*The **jail** was a little brick den that stood at the edge of the village, and no guards were afforded for it.*

jam

v. crush or bruise; get stuck; press tightly together

*The driver had to **jam** the brake pedal to the floor to avoid entering the intersection.*

jealous

a. resentful or bitter in rivalry; envious

*I think they're **jealous**, they wish they could share in that freedom but failed.*

jerk

v. pull, or move with a sudden movement; move with abrupt, seemingly uncontrolled motions

*We saw him turn the handle and **jerk** the door open.*

journal

n. magazine; periodical; log; diary; a ledger in which transactions have been recorded as they occurred

*Published twice yearly, the **journal** is an open access, online publication.*

jungle

n. land densely overgrown with tropical vegetation; dense, confused mass

*In the last few months, the big cats have increasingly emerged from the forest and into the urban **jungle**, killing twenty-two people including children.*

junior

a. less advanced in age than another; younger; lower in standing or in rank

*He is studying at a **junior** middle school.*

junk

n. a fragment of any solid substance; old iron, or other metal, glass, paper; discarded material

*Today's swim isn't so bad except that there was crazy wind on the beach, and these huge waves that brought all the **junk** on the sea floor up.*

justify

v. adjust the spaces between words; show to be reasonable; explain, clear away

*"And old Madam Reed, or the Misses, her daughters, will be solicited by you to seek a place, I suppose?" "No, sir; I am not on such terms with my relatives as would **justify** me in asking favours of them--but I shall advertise."*

kidnap

v. take by force or fear, and against one's will; seize and detain unlawfully and usually for ransom

*She says she only pretended to **kidnap** the children and never wanted to get money from them.*

kidney

n. glandular organ which excretes urea and other waste products from the animal body

*In case the donor of **kidney** is a non relative, we have to investigate if there is any organ trafficking.*

knot

n. fastening together of one or more threads, cords, ropes; lump or loop formed in thread; ornamental tie

*"Only take off the red cloak, sir, and then - " "But the string is in a **knot** - help me."*

label

n. paper affixed to anything by inscription; slip of ribbon, parchment; writing annexed by way of addition

*There was no **label** this time with the words "DRINK ME," but nevertheless she uncorked it and put it to her lips.*

lamb

n. the young of the sheep; simple, unsophisticated person

*None believes that the lion and the **lamb** could lie down together.*

lame

a. moving with pain or difficulty because of injury; disabled so that movement is difficult or impossible

*A **lame** wing kept the bird from flying, it was in danger when winter was coming.*

lane

n. passageway between fences which is not traveled as a highroad; narrow country road

*In this instance, I think a bike **lane** is better than a cycle track.*

lap

v. take in food or drink with one's tongue; splash gently

*The kitten used to neatly **lap** up her milk.*

lap

n. flap that lies over another part; area of control or responsibility; upper side of the thighs of a seated person

*The job fell right in my **lap**, I was very busy last week to finish it on time.*

launch

v. begin; originate; initiate; send off; take off

*Four years ago, the country became the third African nation, after South Africa and Algeria, to **launch** an observation satellite.*

laundry

n. washing; workplace where clothes are washed and ironed

*During the gold rush era, our town's **laundry** seemed innocent enough.*

lawn

n. landscape; grassland, usually tended or mowed; meadow

*In a ceremony on the White House **lawn**, President Bush will remember the victims of September the eleventh.*

lay

v. put into a certain place; cause to lie down; spread over a

surface

*Then, Myrna crossed the room, the gun fired, and Kevin **lay** still and silent.*

leak

v. escape fluid from container through a hole or crack; tell anonymously; reveal

*Then I tied up the rip in the meal sack with a string, so it wouldn't **leak** no more.*

List 17

leap

n. jump; hop; place jumped over or from

*The Mouse gave a sudden **leap** out of the water, and seemed to quiver all over with fright.*

lease

n. rent; charter; engage for service under a term of contract

*We provide details of commercial and residential property available for **lease**.*

lecture

n. teaching by giving a discourse on some subject; speech that is open to the public

*The students could not follow the **lecture** on modern chemistry.*

legal

a. created by, permitted by law; according to the law of works

*I could not rid myself of it by any **legal** proceedings: for the doctors now discovered that my wife was mad.*

legend

n. explanatory list of symbols on a map; unverified story handed down from earlier times

*The **legend** is a truth, even as to names as well as general facts.*

legend

n. story about mythical or supernatural beings or events

The connection established in Chinese **legend** between the hare and the moon is probably traceable to an Indian original.

legitimate

a. accordant with law; lawful; based on logical reasoning; reasonable

*He would help **legitimate** homeowners who are facing foreclosure, but not offer help for speculators.*

lethal

a. deadly; causing or capable of causing death

*In a decision the court upheld the use of all three drugs in **lethal** injections.*

lick

v. draw or pass the tongue over; pass or lap quickly and rapidly; beat thoroughly in a competition or fight

*The flames **lick** at our feet; all of us keep moving as fast as possible.*

light

n. brightness; something that admits illumination; source of fire; particular aspect of a situation

*Many smaller developing nations see them in a different **light** - as a kind of guaranteed share of the very profitable markets of the developed world.*

limb

n. arm; leg; any of the main branches arising from the trunk or a bough of a tree

*But he shares Mary's apathetic and listless look: he seems to have more length of **limb** than vivacity of blood or vigour of brain.*

line

n. thin continuous mark, as that made by a pen, pencil, or brush applied to a surface; border or boundary

*Some people are pride of the Great Wall; but others think it is just a **line** of stones.*

link

v. be or become joined or united; connect, fasten, or put together two or more pieces

*After a whole day shopping, the travelers will **link** up again at the airport.*

liquor

n. any liquid, as water, milk, blood, sap, juice; alcoholic or spirituous fluid

*If you study the numbers closely, you see that **liquor** is probably wildly popular with women in their 20s, and unpopular with men the same age.*

literally

ad. with meaning; word for word; letter by letter

*The word **literally** translates to 'dispeller of darkness,' or 'one who brings light.'*

loan

n. give temporarily; temporary provision of money

*A margin **loan** is a facility given to an investor for the purpose of buying securities.*

lobby

n. a group of people who try to influence legislation; hall;

room; a large entrance or reception room or area

*The anti-tobacco **lobby** suspects that the tobacco industry is behind the weakening of many of the draft treaty provisions.*

locate

v. find; monitor; settle; determine or specify the position or limits of

*It will also develop techniques to **locate** and tap underground water reservoirs.*

lock

n. strand or cluster of hair; fastening together; a closing of one thing upon another; device operated by a key

*I got up and turned around in my tracks three times; and then I tied up a little **lock** of my hair with a thread to keep witches away.*

locker

n. storage compartment for clothes and valuables, usually it has a lock

*On my **locker** is a stack of books that fills the space between the lower and upper metal boxes.*

lodge

n. small house on the grounds of an estate or a park, used by a caretaker or gatekeeper

*From this window were visible the porter's **lodge** and the road.*

log

n. record of a voyage or flight; record of day to day activities

*His anxiety was increasing with the advance of the season, and his **log** is a record of deep yearning to be free and active again.*

logic

n. reasoned and reasonable judgment; a system of reasoning
*Your paper lacks the **logic** to prove your thesis.*

loop

v. circle; ring; move in loops; make a loop in; join with a loop
*The old lady made one end of the silk thread fast to Tom's tooth with a **loop** and tied the other to the bedpost.*

loose

a. unbound; untied; not attached, fastened, fixed, or confined
*"Here, Bill! catch hold of this rope - Will the roof bear? - Mind that **loose** slate - Oh, it's coming down! Heads below!"*

lose

v. fail to keep or to maintain; cease to have; be deprived of; fail to win
*Ah, my dear! Let this be a lesson to you never to **lose** your temper!*

lounge

n. public room with seating where people can wait; living room; lobby
*A large **lounge** is situated at the last floor, a perfect place to see some of the the best views of Johannesburg.*

loyal

a. steadfast in allegiance or duty; faithful to a person, ideal, custom, cause, or duty

*When he fails, you cannot do more for him, but you can be **loyal**.*

luxury

n. something that is an indulgence rather than necessity;
excessively expensive

*A **luxury** tax on large cars was introduced last year.*

magnificent

a. grand or noble in thought or deed; outstanding of its kind

*This was not only a game to decide which team will win **magnificent** prizes, it was also a game where the Mayor will decide who will be final champion.*

maintain

v. keep in any particular state or condition; keep up or carry on;
continue

*What we are actually trying to **maintain** is never ending growth.*

maintenance

n. preservation; support; continuance; court-ordered support
paid by one spouse to another

*She would be entitled to just the same rights over the children, and just the same rights to income support and **maintenance** for the children.*

major

a. greater in number, quantity, or extent; more important

*We have met with **major** problems in the project and they will be addressed as schedule.*

majority

n. greater number or part; a number more than half of the total
*He is not planning to expel foreign companies, but he does want **majority** control of all ventures and a greater share of the profits.*

mall

n. shopping center; public area set aside as a pedestrian walk
*Is it greener to stay at home and order presents online or head to the **mall**?*

maniac

a. raving with madness; raging with disordered intellect; wildly disordered
*The doctor's words pained me, but I deserved it, and it wasn't the first time I'd been called **maniac** depressive by a doctor.*

manipulate

v. operate with one's hands; control or play upon people, forces artfully
*Meanwhile, greed and vanity, using lies and fear, will once again **manipulate** ignorance and resentment.*

mansion

n. dwelling-house of the better class; a large or stately residence
*Colerain **mansion** is listed on the national register of historic places.*

manual

n. guide book; hand-operated
*Three workers at the plant followed an illegal **manual** and caused a nuclear reaction late last month.*

march

n. walking with regular steps; a procession of people walking together; steady advance

*In July, 1792, the united armies of Prussia and Austria commenced their **march** from the German fortresses upon the Rhine into France.*

List 18

marine

a. sea-dwelling; maritime; naval

*Led by Professor David Paterson, the British team have begun a three-year project to map tidal flows and **marine** life, using remote sensing techniques.*

marrow

n. tissue which fills the cavities of most bones; the essence; the best part

*It was so cold that he felt frozen to the **marrow**.*

marsh

n. swamp; bog; low lying wet land with grassy vegetation

*The jail was a trifling little brick den that stood in a **marsh** at the edge of the village.*

marvelous

a. wonderful; extraordinarily good

*Queen Victoria is a **marvelous** ship best suited to well-traveled guests.*

mask

v. try to conceal something; disguise; hide under a false appearance

*He wants to **mask** his disappointment.*

massive

a. enormous; colossal; consisting of great mass; containing a

great quantity of matter

*A lot has been said about the **massive** influence of the US retail group Wal-Mart.*

match

n. something that resembles or harmonizes with

*That tie makes a good **match** with your jacket.*

mature

v. develop and reach maturity; grow old or older

*I need to **mature** my thoughts in future college years.*

maximum

n. the largest possible quantity

*The object of invention is to provide a method for limiting the **maximum** pressure of a power-assisted steering system.*

measure

v. determine the size of something; mark, lay out, or establish dimensions; estimate by evaluation or comparison

*He actually took out his watch and laid it upon the table to **measure** the time.*

media

n. public institutions that report the news, such as newspapers, magazines, radio, and television

*Science fiction in **media** is exponentially bigger as a market than science fiction in literary form.*

medium

n. state that is intermediate between extremes

*Certainly Shostakovich was lucky to work in a wordless abstract **medium**, where interpretation is strongly subjective.*

mental

a. involving mind or intellectual process; affected by disorder of mind

*All doctors agreed this is a **mental** patient.*

mercy

n. compassionate treatment of unfortunate and helpless; willingness to spare or to help; disposition to be kind

*We saw two cars crashed on street, it was a **mercy** that no one was hurt.*

mess

n. soft semi liquid food; a quantity of food set on a table at one time; provision of food for one meal

*The old lady enjoyed a **mess** of porridge every night.*

mess

n. disagreeable mixture or confusion of things

*She says, "Take your hands away, Huckleberry; what a **mess** you are always making!"*

method

n. orderly procedure or process; regular manner of doing anything

*She told us a simple **method** for making a pie crust.*

mighty

a. having or showing great strength or force or intensity

*Investment guru Warren Buffett comes in at number two, worth ten billion less than the **mighty** Bill.*

military

a. pertaining to soldiers, to arms, or to war; of whole body of soldiers

*In some countries all the young men have to do a year's **military** service.*

minimum

a. the smallest possible quantity

*The questions range from simple tests of knowledge such as - what's the **minimum** age for buying alcohol?*

minister

n. one who performs service for another; officer of justice; executive head of a government department

*The former Environment Canada **minister** is asking for people to protest the current Ontario administration.*

minor

a. of lesser importance or stature or rank; not of legal age; limited in size or scope

*These two books had **minor** differences, reading one of them is enough.*

minus

a. less; requiring to be subtracted; negative

*Seven **minus** three equals four.*

minute

a. extremely small; short note

*The twins resembled one another closely; only **minute** differences set them apart.*

miracle

n. wonderful thing; something that excites admiration or astonishment

*"The main **miracle** is that with money or no money, we have life," said Yadira Rivera.*

miserable

a. very unhappy; full of misery; wretched

*The **miserable** Hatter dropped his teacup, and went down on one knee. 'I'm a poor man, your Majesty,' he began.*

misery

n. great unhappiness; extreme pain of body or mind

*One by one they stepped in at last and took shelter under the tent; but to have company in **misery** seemed something to be grateful for.*

mission

n. assignment that is given to a person or group; operation that is assigned by a higher headquarters; job; task

*The planes were on a bombing **mission** of 1000 miles away.*

monitor

v. observe; watch; keep an eye on

*In this city, religious police, government officials and squads of schoolboys **monitor** women and girls' behavior and appearance.*

monitor

n. someone who gives a warning so that a mistake can be avoided; someone who supervises

*The teacher suggested the tall pupil as **monitor** to assist in routine duties.*

monster

n. beast; ugly creature; someone or something that is abnormally large and powerful

*Their persistence is a proof that the Dragon is not only a popular **monster** but also a true archetype.*

mortal

n. man, human being; liable or subject to death; accompanying death

*Nothing betrays the fact that he is now engaged in a **mortal** fight.*

motel

n. motor hotel; lodging rooms adjacent to a parking lot

*She said the **motel** is about 10 kilo meters from the entrance of the park.*

motion

n. movement; act of changing location; ability or power to move

*For a similar reason, a collision head-on between two cars in **motion** is much more violent than if one of them is at rest.*

motive

n. emotion, desire, physiological need; that which gives purpose and direction to behavior

*Pat's main **motive** is to keep the racial divide alive.*

mount

v. go up or advance; fix onto a backing; put up or launch

*Following the guidance, we had to thread some complex passages, and **mount** a staircase before we reached her apartment.*

mutual

a. common to or shared by two or more parties; shared

*The main thrust is to make progress on practical issues - with **mutual** trade and business at the top of the agenda.*

naked

a. bare and pure; completely unclothed

*The brightened comet in the constellation Virgo may even be visible to the **naked** eye, allowing members of the public around the world to join in this historic moment in astronomy.*

nap

n. a period of time spent sleeping

*There wasn't time for a **nap** in the last 20 hours.*

nasty

a. very dirty, foul; disgusting; nauseous

*I was frightened when I saw the **nasty** gash in her arm.*

List 19

native

a. being as origin; as found in nature in the elemental form

*In the small town, the **native** north American sugar maple can be seen everywhere.*

neat

a. clean or orderly

*As she said this, she came upon a **neat** little house, on the door of which was a bright brass plate.*

negative

a. adverse; involving disadvantage or harm; pessimistic

*I think our countries are very similar in the **negative** attitudes that people have towards mathematics.*

network

n. any system of lines or channels crossing like the fabric of a net; complex, interconnected group or system

*At USA the **network** of railroads hasn't increased in past decades.*

nickel

n. coin worth one twentieth of a dollar

*The United States five-cent coin, commonly called a **nickel**, is a unit of currency equaling one-twentieth, or five hundredths, of a United States dollar.*

nightmare

n. dream arousing feelings of intense fear, horror, and distress;
event or experience that is intensely distressing

*His main **nightmare** is voluntarily enlisting in the Army again and being sent back to Iraq.*

notion

n. general or universal conception; belief or opinion

*With all her knowledge of history, Alice had no very clear **notion** how long ago anything had happened.*

novel

a. previously unknown; strikingly new, unusual, or different;
young

*Piercing any part of the body other than the earlobes was **novel** in 1950s, but now it is quite common.*

novel

n. printed and bound book that is an extended work of fiction

*His bookcases were filled with anything but no one **novel**.*

nowhere

ad. not anywhere; not in any place or state

*She began hunting for them, but they were **nowhere** to be seen.*

nuclear

a. of, relating to, or forming a nucleus of an atom; pertaining to, or using nuclear weapons

*The resolution states that CPS Energy should invest further in **nuclear** energy.*

nursery

n. room for baby; area in a household set apart for the use of children

*Anyhow, freedom of movement in a **nursery** is the reward of learning to walk.*

oath

n. solemn promise; commitment to tell the truth

*Their **oath** is to do no harm, but they haven't even spoken about healthcare reform before now.*

object

v. be averse to or express disapproval of

*His lawyers **object** to the testimony and doubt the qualification of the witness.*

objection

n. act of expressing earnest opposition or protest

*Of course the **objection** wrought my eagerness to a climax: gratified it must be, and that without delay; and I told him so.*

objective

a. not influenced by emotions; having actual existence or reality

*Even though he was her son, she tried to be **objective** about his behavior.*

obligation

n. act of binding oneself by a social, legal, or moral tie; written promise to repay a debt

*The government has found it particularly hard to meet its benefit and pensions **obligation**.*

obnoxious

a. causing disapproval or protest; very annoying or objectionable; offensive

*I find your behavior **obnoxious**; please mend your ways.*

observe

v. be on the watch respecting; pay attention to; notice with care; see; perceive

*Sometimes all suspended their by-play to **observe** and listen to the principal actors.*

obsessed

a. having or showing excessive or compulsive concern; influenced or controlled by a powerful force

*So when people say I'm **obsessed**, which is a clever way of saying please shut up, I don't like your facts.*

obsession

n. compulsive, often unreasonable idea or emotion

*This **obsession** is aimless and brainless and ends with your oblivion in American politics.*

obvious

a. exposed; easily discovered; plain

*It is a stone pillar set up where four roads meet: whitewashed, I suppose, to be more **obvious** at a distance and in darkness.*

occasion

n. significant event that occurs at a critical time; opportunity to do something; event or happening

*He must buy what he has little **occasion** for.*

occur

v. take place; be found to exist ; come to one's mind

*Global warming can **occur** from a variety of causes, both natural and human induced.*

odd

a. not easily explained; beyond from the usual or expected; not divisible by two

*It is **odd** that his name is never mentioned.*

odds

n. probability of a specified outcome; likelihood of the occurrence of one thing, as in a contest

*Bookmakers have now slashed his **odds** from 400/1 to 28/1.*

offer

n. act of presenting; something, such as a suggestion, proposal, bid, or recommendation

*If our **offer** is agreeable to you, please fill in the proper blank space.*

opinion

n. notion or conviction founded on probable evidence; belief stronger than impression; favorable estimation

*You may say what you want to, but in my **opinion** she had more sand in her than any girl I ever see.*

opportunity

n. favorable or advantageous circumstance; chance for progress or advancement

*Though this was not a very good **opportunity** for showing off her knowledge, as there was no one to listen to her, still it was good practice to say it over.*

opposed

a. having an opponent; averse of

*Americans remain **opposed** to closing the Guantanamo Bay prison in Cuba.*

opposite

n. two words that express opposing concepts; contrariwise; directly facing each other

*People out there probably think about Switzerland as a conservative country and I think this shows that we are the **opposite**.*

option

n. act of choosing; power or freedom to choose

*The Euro made its debut in the financial markets three years ago and it has been an **option** for any non-cash transaction ever since.*

original

a. not second hand; not copied or translated from something else

*The first problem is who is responsible for the material: the **original** author, or the Internet service provider?*

outfit

n. a set of clothing, often with accessories; a set of tools or

equipment for a specialized purpose

*Every day her **outfit** is analyzed as if it were fashion week.*

outfit

n. association of persons, especially a military unit or a business organization

*No one has said they carried out the attack, but security officials believe this was a well-planned operation, masterminded by a major terrorist **outfit**.*

outrageous

n. of the nature of an outrage; exceeding the limits of right, reason

*At least President Obama finally sent an envoy to Europe yesterday to explore joint action to stop **outrageous** violence against protesters.*

owe

v. be in debt; be obliged to pay or repay

*I **owe** a lot to my wife and children; I must spend more time with them in future.*

own

a. belonging to oneself or itself; not foreign; domestic

*She was always considering in her **own** mind and ignoring our suggestions.*

pace

n. single movement from one foot to the other in walking; slow gait; step

*Their interest grew stronger, and their industry kept **pace** with it.*

pad

n. soft or small cushion; a kind of cushion for writing upon, or for blotting

*The nurse put a clean **pad** of cotton over his wound.*

List 20

pair

n. two people or things considered as a unit; two items of the same kind; couple

*He returned with a **pair** of white gloves in one hand and a large fan in the other.*

palm

n. inner surface of the hand between bases of fingers and wrist; tropical evergreen trees of the family Palmae

*The coconut **palm** is a plant of many uses, as seen in this photograph from West Central Mexico.*

panel

n. a group of people gathered for a special purpose; small board or pad

*The Constitutional Court, a senior **panel** of judges often accused of siding with Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra, has voted to annul his third election victory, according to one of the judges.*

panic

n. sudden mass fear and anxiety

*Marty shouted in **panic**, patting his coat, digging crazily into his pockets.*

pants

n. trousers; underwear; garment extending from waist to knee or ankle

*When we got up-stairs to his room he got me a coarse shirt and **pants** of his, and I put them on.*

parade

n. march in a procession; ceremonial procession; visible display
*Last year's fashion **parade** led to protests from medical associations and women's rights groups, who complained that the participants were unhealthily skinny.*

paradise

n. garden of Eden; any place of complete delight and peace
*They know marriage in **paradise** is better than on earth.*

partner

n. person who is a member of a partnership; associate who works with others toward a common goal
*She has a live-in **partner**, is 39 years old, and has three children.*

passion

n. strong feeling or emotion ; fervor
*In a very short time the Queen was in a furious **passion**, and shouting 'Off with his head!' or 'Off with her head!' about once in a minute.*

passport

n. legal document identifying the bearer as citizen of a country and allowing to travel abroad
*The first thing I put in my bag beside my **passport** is my iPod because I need sound and music in trip.*

patch

n. a piece of cloth; small area of ground covered by specific

vegetation

*I put on my clean flight suit, with rank on my shoulders and name **patch** on my chest.*

paternity

n. relation of a father to his child

*Families can become guardians to a child, as long as the child's true **paternity** is maintained.*

pathetic

a. causing sadness, compassion, or pity

*The old, rather shabby room struck her as extraordinarily **pathetic**.*

patrol

n. activity of going on an area at regular intervals for security purposes

*In military tactics, a **patrol** is a small tactical grouping sent out by land, sea or air to perform a specific task.*

peel

v. come off in flakes or thin small pieces; strip the skin off; get undressed

*Would you **peel** me an orange?*

penalty

n. punishment established by law or authority for a crime or offense; fine

*For a second offence, the **penalty** is a guaranteed 30 days in jail, up from 14 days.*

percent

n. out of each hundred; per hundred; one part in a hundred
*She has invested a large **percent** of her salary.*

performance

n. act of performing; dramatic or musical entertainment; process or manner

*However, the G14 group also announced a commitment to link pay more closely to **performance** on the field.*

perfume

n. pleasing, agreeable scent or odor

*As British companies withdraw Jade's top-selling **perfume** from the shelves, it's losing work for people in Mumbai where its bottles are manufactured.*

perimeter

n. outer boundary length; closed curve bounding a plane area

*Find the largest possible width if the **perimeter** is at most 64 cm.*

period

n. duration, continuance, term; end of something

*Death put a **period** to his endeavors.*

period

n. an amount of time

*The Clinton campaign has raised more money in the first three months of this year than all nine Democratic candidates combined in the equivalent **period** for the 2004 election.*

permanent

a. remaining without essential change

*The five **permanent** members of the Security Council will now share the task of making an early assessment of the declaration.*

permit

v. consent to; give permission

*Now he made an effort to rest his head on my shoulder, but I would not **permit** it.*

personal

a. particular to a given individual; concerning or affecting a particular person

*I have something **personal** to tell you, do you have a break?*

personality

n. complex of all the attributes of a person; totality of qualities and traits of a person

*The judge said Moura showed a violent **personality**, unsuited to living in society and that the killing was carried out in a violent and cowardly manner.*

personnel

n. group of people willing to obey orders

*The physical security of United Nations **personnel** may be uppermost in the minds of UN Secretary General Koffi Annan.*

perspective

n. appearance of things; view, outlook, or vista

*An essential fact that should put the debate in **perspective** is that Mary*

was released after less than four months.

petty

a. trivial; of small importance; very small

*She had no major complaints to his work, only a few **petty** issues that were almost too minor to state.*

phase

n. any distinct time period in a sequence of events; stage

*But there's far less consensus on how much the EU might be willing to pay towards reconstruction in a post-war **phase**, now that it's clear that a conflict will not have United Nations approval.*

philosophy

n. body of highest truth; investigation of nature, causes, or principles of reality, knowledge, or values, based on logical reasoning

*He holds a master's degree in **philosophy** from the University of Virginia and served as press secretary for Kucinich for President in 2004.*

physical

a. relating to the body as distinguished from the mind or spirit

*Because you know, every intelligent person knows, that the **physical** is the basis for the mental and the moral.*

physician

n. person skilled in physic, or the art of healing; one duty authorized to treat diseases; doctor of medicine

*The **physician** asked his clinic to buy a new X-ray machine.*

pick

v. remove something with the fingers, or with the teeth; separate as choice or desirable

*Sure, I will go to airport to **pick** up your friends.*

picnic

v. eat in the open air; have informal meal eaten outside or on an excursion

*We will **picnic** near the lake on this gorgeous Sunday.*

pier

n. landing place; platform built out from shore into water and supported by piles; provides access to ships

*The land in front of the **pier** is almost dry and you could easily drive a couple of trucks there.*

pierce

v. penetrate; make a hole into

*Did the needle **pierce** her flesh?*

pillow

n. a cushion to support the head of a sleeping person

*For herself, she did nothing but caper about in the front chambers, jump on and off the bedsteads, and lie on the mattresses and piled-up bolsters and **pillow** before the enormous fires roaring in the chimneys.*

pilot

n. one who guides a course of action for others; one who operates or is licensed to operate an aircraft in flight

*I'm the captain, the **pilot**, and watchman; and sometimes I'm the freight*

and passengers.

pin

n. a piece of wood, metal, generally cylindrical, used for fastening separate articles together

*Then they all stuck a **pin** in their fingers to get blood to sign with, and I made my mark on the paper.*

List 21

pine

v. have desire for something or someone; yearn; grieve or mourn for

*Though she tried to be happy living with Clara in the city, Heidi used to **pine** for the mountains and for her gruff but loving grandfather.*

pit

v. confront; set into opposition or rivalry

*You have to **pit** a chess player against the Russian champion.*

pit

n. sizeable hole; trap in the form of a concealed hole

*They dug a **pit** to bury the body.*

pitch

n. action or manner of throwing something

*His **pitch** fell short and his hat landed on the floor.*

pitch

v. set firmly; throw, usually with careful aim; discard by throwing

*She will **pitch** her speech to the teenagers in the audience.*

plague

n. epidemic disease with a high death rate; annoyance

*This research tells us the ravages of the **plague** that swept through Europe in the mid 14th century.*

plea

n. request for help; excuse or pretext

*He did not attend the dinner; his **plea** was that he was too busy to come.*

plead

v. appeal or request earnestly; enter a plea; offer as an excuse

*Now, she may file for divorce, and all she must **plead** is that the marriage has broken down.*

pledge

n. promise solemnly and formally; binding commitment to do something

*The world leaders celebrated the year 2000 with a solemn **pledge** to reduce poverty and hunger by 2015.*

plot

n. small extent of ground; secret scheme or strategy

*My father and my brother Rowland knew all this; but they thought only of the thirty thousand pounds, and joined in the **plot** against me.*

plug

n. something, such as a cork or a wad of cloth, used to fill a hole tightly; stopper

*She pulled the **plug** out of the bathtub and the dirty water ran away.*

plus

a. involving advantage or good; on the positive side or higher end of a scale

*This company controls main gas resource **plus** many of the pipelines that supply it to Europe.*

pole

n. a long rod; one of two divergent or mutually exclusive opinions

*But the Clinton stash keeps her in **pole** position in the race to secure the party nomination in a year's time.*

policy

n. settled method of government to administer; system of public or official administration

*His overall Latin American **policy** is just as troubling so no country welcomes his visiting until now.*

polish

v. remove flaws from; perfect or complete

*These boys **polish** their piano techniques for years.*

porch

n. covered and enclosed entrance to building; covered passage

*Coffee Gallery's screened in **porch** is a perfect place to cool off, relax, and talk for a while.*

port

n. place on waterway with facilities for loading and unloading ships

*The people would be docked in the **port** from a cruise ship.*

pose

v. pretend to be someone you are not; assume a posture as for artistic purposes

*We don't know the woman who **pose** for Leonardo so often.*

positive

a. involving advantage or good ; greater than zero; very sure; confident

*An executive involved in the meetings told that Mrs. Bush plans to write a **positive** book with a minimum of criticism.*

possession

n. act of having and controlling property; belongings

*She will also retain **possession** of her father's home, and many of his personal effects.*

poster

n. sign posted in public place as an advertisement

*The women's group running the **poster** campaign says that's because Turkey is still a very patriarchal society, a place where politics is seen as man's work.*

postpone

v. hold back to a later time; delay; defer

*Malaysians planning to travel to Pakistan have been advised to **postpone** their visit.*

potential

a. existing in possibility; expected to become or be

*The volume of unconventional gas isn't significant on a U. K. wide scale, supplying enough electricity for only 1,200 homes, but the **potential** is*

there, analysts say.

pour

v. flow in a spurt; rain heavily; supply in large amounts

*We **pour** money into the education of our children.*

practical

a. based on experience; useful

*He was a **practical** man, opposed to theory.*

practically

ad. virtually; actually; for all practical purpose

*Eight years and billions of dollars later, we learned that the North Koreans were breaking their word **practically** from day one.*

precious

a. of high worth or cost

*It also means that parents place huge amounts of pressure on their **precious** only child to succeed in China.*

preliminary

a. prior to or preparing for the main matter; introductory

*According to **preliminary**, unofficial figures, a large majority, some 84 percent, voted in favor.*

prescription

n. written instructions from doctor; written order; act of establishing official rules, laws, or directions

*It won't detect **prescription** drugs or medication such as cold or flu tablets.*

presence

n. state of being present; current existence

*Your **presence** is a gift, your being with us a joy.*

present

n. being in existence; something presented as a gift; period of time that is happening now

*We allow so much suffering in the **present**, because we want to leave a beautiful world for our children.*

presentation

n. show or display; act of presenting something to sight or view

*The professor decided to give a **presentation** on drug abuse in public.*

presume

v. take for granted as true in absence of proof; venture without authority

*We are asked to **presume** that she is innocent.*

previous

a. existing or occurring before something else

*That brings the total number of storms to 26, roundly beating the **previous** record of 21, set 70 years ago.*

primary

a. of first rank or importance or value; essential or basic

*Many ordinary Iraqis appreciated that the **primary** UN role was humanitarian.*

prime

a. first in excellence, quality, or value; at the best stage; peak; first in degree or rank; chief

*Jordan tonight announced that his group arrested the **prime** suspect in last week's rocket attack.*

principal

a. highest in rank, authority, character, importance, or degree

*Lots of the **principal** people gathered around the king, to let him see they was on his side.*

principle

n. basic truth or law or assumption; rule or law of nature; rule of personal conduct

*This decision was based on **principle** rather than expediency.*

prior

a. preceding in the order of time; former; previous

*All the arrangements should have been completed **prior** to our departure.*

priority

n. preceding in time, importance, or urgency

*The company says its number one **priority** is restoring profits, not gaining market share at any price.*

List 22

privacy

n. quality of being secluded from view of others; condition of being hidden

*The best way to avoid a possible break down in **privacy** is to prohibit any employee from connecting with Internet.*

privilege

n. special advantage or benefit not enjoyed by all; right reserved exclusively

*David Beckham said it had been an honour and a **privilege** to have captained England.*

probation

n. act of proving; trial period

*He was basically on **probation** from the moment he took over the chairmanship.*

procedure

n. act or manner of moving forward; act performed; steps taken in an action

*What's the **procedure** for opening a bank account?*

proceed

n. follow a certain course; move ahead; travel onward

*'The trial cannot **proceed**,' said the King in a very grave voice, 'until all the jurymen are back in their proper places.'*

process

n. act of proceeding; continued forward movement; a series of actions

*In short, I began the **process** of ruining myself in the received style.*

professional

a. engaged in, or suitable for a profession

*Medical workers on trial face criminal charges that range from **professional** recklessness to illegal sale of donor blood.*

profile

n. outline; biographical sketch

*On Wednesday morning, a higher **profile** US army presence was on the streets outside the hotels where most foreigners stay.*

profit

n. advantageous gain or return; income received from investments or property

*As long as the **profit** is there, prices will never go down, they will just go to: higher salaries and bigger bonuses.*

project

n. any piece of work that is undertaken or attempted; program; plan; scheme

*The **project** is run by the top-secret Phantom Works in Seattle, the part of the company which handles Boeing's most sensitive programmes.*

promise

n. declaration assuring that one will or will not do something; indication of something favorable to come

Unfortunately, this long-term **promise** is bumping up against short-term reality.

promising

a. likely to develop in a desirable manner; affording hope
*President Bush today applauded a **promising** sign of progress by Iraq's leaders.*

property

n. any tangible or intangible possession that is owned by someone

*US officials fear that the treaty might undermine the commercial protection afforded to gene tech companies through the World Trade Organisation deal on intellectual **property** rights.*

propose

v. make a proposal, declare a plan for something
*Eshton, observing me, seemed to **propose** that I should be asked to join them; but Lady Ingram instantly negated the notion.*

proposition

n. plan suggested for acceptance; a matter to be dealt with; subject for discussion or analysis
*Finding affordable housing can be a difficult **proposition** in many large cities.*

protest

n. expression of disagreement and disapproval; complain against
*Many believe last night's **protest** is the first of many demonstrations to commemorate the riots in July 1999.*

protocol

n. code of correct conduct ; rules governing socially acceptable behavior; record of transaction

*When it comes to weddings, the **protocol** is actual similar to other churches.*

pry

v. move or force to get something open; make an uninvited inquiry

*Couldn't find any keys, they tried to use an iron bar to **pry** the lock.*

psychology

n. science that deals with mental processes and behavior

*One of the things we always focus on in **psychology** is that you have to separate the behavior from the person.*

publicity

n. state of being public; information to attract public notice

*No one would be interested so the **publicity** is the only way to build a base of buyers.*

pull

v. steer or move into a certain direction; take away; remove from a fixed position; extract

*This company will **pull** the old soup cans from its supermarket shelf.*

pump

v. draw fluid or gas by pressure or suction; supply in great

quantities

*"No one could be comfortable", he said, "at the prospect of continuing to **pump** out the large amounts of carbon dioxide."*

purchase

n. act or an instance of buying; something bought

*Rules can differ depending whether the **purchase** is a residence or an investment.*

pursue

v. follow in; go in search of or hunt for

*They will bring together 165 researchers from 19 countries to **pursue** a range of innovative strategies.*

pursuit

n. follow after; follow with a view to obtain; endeavor to attain

*He exercises everyday in **pursuit** of health.*

puzzle

n. difficult question or problem

*I noticed that she was working on the crossword **puzzle** from the Post when we first got there.*

quest

n. act of searching for something

*The majority of the searchers had given up the **quest** and gone back to their daily avocations, saying that it was plain the children could never be found.*

quote

v. cite or repeat a passage from; repeat or copy the words of another

*He said he could **quote** several instances of this behavior.*

quote

v. name the price of; state a price for securities, goods, or services

*The two dealers finally **quote** prices for this car today.*

rack

n. framework for holding objects

*The newspapers were arranged on a **rack**.*

radar

n. measuring instrument to detect distant objects by microwave

*This enables a **radar** to detect objects at ranges where other emissions, such as sound or visible light, would be too weak to detect.*

rage

n. something that is desired intensely; state of extreme anger

*The sea hurled itself in thundering **rage** against the rocks.*

raid

n. search without warning; surprise attack by a small armed force

*Mr. Lebedev is referring to a **raid** last year on his father's bank, National Reserve Bank in Moscow, by masked Russian police.*

rally

v. call up or summon; call together for a common purpose
Washington quickly decided to rally his troops to fight off the British attack.

random

a. without definite purpose, plan, or aim; having no specific pattern

He used to get super drunk in random places; I don't know where he is now.

range

n. limits within which something can be effective; variety of different things or activities

Medical workers on trial face criminal charges that range from professional recklessness to corruption, to illegal sale of donor blood.

rarely

ad. not often; in an unusual degree; exceptionally

Kazakhstan, a vast territory, broke away from the former Soviet Union only ten years ago and is rarely in the international limelight.

rational

a. consistent with; based on; using reason

One strong proof of my wretchedly defective nature is, that even her expostulations, so mild, so rational, have not influence to cure me of my faults.

raw

a. in the natural unprocessed condition; cruel and unfair; uncooked; untrained and inexperienced

I apologize that the set is in raw form, without labels and any documents.

react

v. act against or in opposition to; show a response or a reaction

*They **react** negatively to everything I say, because they don't trust me.*

List 23

realm

n. kingdom; domain ruled by a king or queen

*In the animal **realm**, the lion is the king of beasts.*

rear

n. side of an object that is opposite its front; hind part; point or area farthest from the front

*His room was toward the **rear** of the hotel.*

reasonable

a. showing reason or sound judgment; capable of reasoning; rational; being within bounds of common sense

*They will arrive the hall at a **reasonable** time, not too early.*

recall

v. remember; call back; cause to be returned

*This part of the brain doesn't develop fully until about the age of four, which could explain why memories of early childhood are difficult to **recall**.*

receipt

n. act of receiving; acknowledgment of goods delivered or money paid

*Please send me a **receipt** for the money.*

reception

n. act of receiving; manner in which something is greeted

*She did not expect the cold **reception** she received from her superiors.*

recipe

n. medical prescription; a set of directions for making or preparing something, especially food

*This cornmeal muffin **recipe** is extremely simple.*

reckless

a. headstrong; rash; indifferent to or disregarding of consequences

*This time, the killer appeared to have been much more **reckless** about being seen.*

reckon

v. compute; take account of; have faith or confidence in

*Well-a-well, man that is born of woman is of few days and full of trouble, as the Scripture says, and I **reckon** it's so.*

recommendation

n. making attractive or acceptable; pushing for something

*The taskforce's main **recommendation** is to reduce Government operating spending to 29 per cent of gross domestic product by 2012.*

recover

v. get or find back; regain a former condition

*He is very ill and unlikely to **recover** in this month.*

reference

n. act of referring or consulting; remark that calls attention to

something or someone

*Her speeches have special **reference** to environmental policy.*

regarding

ad. with respect to; by concerning

*His suggestion **regarding** business would hint that he isn't a supporter of small business.*

regardless

a. without consideration; in spite of everything; anyway

*And the aspiring singer will be signed to the label **regardless** of where she finishes in the competition.*

register

v. give outward signs of; express; record in writing; enroll as a student

*New students will have to **register** is tomorrow before getting their books.*

reject

v. turn down; refuse to accept; dismiss from consideration

*He would **reject** the idea of starting a war.*

relax

v. make less severe or strict; become less tense

*Our new colleague should **relax** if he sees that we are a friendly group.*

release

v. give off; liberate; grant freedom to; make something available

*He wanted to **release** the list with the names of the prisoners before*

Monday.

reliable

a. worthy of being depended on; trustworthy

*In lawless states like Somalia, which lack a strong central government, they're trying to find **reliable** proxy forces.*

relief

n. easing of burden or distress, such as pain or anxiety; release from post or duty; pleasant or amusing change

*As he heard the news he was suddenly flooded with **relief**.*

rely

v. rest with confidence; have confidence; depend

*I **rely** implicitly on His power, and confide wholly in His goodness.*

remarkable

a. worthy of notice; extraordinary

*I recognized his decisive nose, more **remarkable** for character than beauty.*

remind

v. recall knowledge from memory; have a recollection

*I would **remind** you of your lady's existence, sir, which the law recognizes, if you do not.*

remove

v. move away from the position occupied; cause to change place; take away

The leaving of her mother will **remove** the last obstacle to their marriage.

represent

v. stand for; describe or present; play a role or part

Senator John McCain said he was disappointed, but added that the rule changes do **represent** significant progress.

reputation

n. state of being held in high esteem; general estimation in which a person is held by the public

We have long been aware that our **reputation** is affected by our day-to-day dealings and negotiations with all of our society.

request

v. express the need or desire for; ask for

I **request** that she inputs the entire manuscript in 2 days.

require

v. insist upon having; request and expect

We **require** our secretary to be on time, otherwise we have to cancel the event.

rescue

n. free from harm or evil; take from legal custody by force

Whale and dolphin **rescue** is an international issue.

research

v. inquire into; attempt to find out in scientific manner

The students who **research** the history of English are all in this group.

resent

v. feel bitter; consider as injury or affront; be in angry

*What people **resent** is that CEOs are earning many hundreds of times more than the average employee.*

reserve

n. lack of enthusiasm; skeptical caution; something saved for future use; self-restraint in expression

*The bank had put \$3.9 billion in **reserve** to cover such costs.*

residence

n. official house; large house; act of dwelling in a place

*Crowds of fans gathered outside the Bachchan **residence** in suburban Mumbai as news of the engagement spread.*

resolve

n. determination; formal expression by a meeting; agreed to by a vote

*Civic leaders say their **resolve** is as strong as it was when they rebuilt downtown.*

resort

n. vacation spot; act of turning to for assistance

*"We lied in the morning, we lied in the evening and we lied at night", he made a speech in the **resort** town.*

respond

v. show a reaction to something favorably or as hoped

Doctors hope his cancer to **respond** to the aggressive therapy.

restore

v. give or bring back; return to its original condition

*He told BBC News that they will **restore** it using 200-year-old techniques and all their old tools.*

resume

v. give a summary; return to a previous location or condition

*The performers need a sufficient interval to **resume** their ordinary costume, before they re-entered the dining-room.*

retreat

n. receding; pull back or move away or backward; withdrawal of troops to a more favorable position

*Everywhere that freedom takes hold, and terror will **retreat**.*

reveal

v. make known; disclose or show

*"The secret of your birth! Do you mean to say - " "Gentlemen," says the young man, very solemn, "I will **reveal** it to you, for I feel I may have confidence in you."*

List 24

revenge

v. do punishment in return for injury or insult; avenge
*The knight swore he would **revenge** his father's death.*

reverse

v. overturn; turn inside out or upside down; turning in the opposite direction
*The Commission has now launched a high-level diplomatic offensive to **reverse** the ban.*

review

n. summary of a longer discussion; formal examination; practice to refresh memory
*This **review** only came about after some environmental groups sued the government to take action.*

reward

n. satisfying return or result; profit, return for performance of a desired behavior; positive reinforcement.
*When an officer risks his own life in protecting the public, he has no time to think his **reward**.*

ribbon

n. fillet or narrow woven fabric, commonly of silk; narrow strip of fine material used for trimming
*Her hair was tied back with a black **ribbon**.*

ridge

n. long, narrow upper section or crest; chain of hills or mountains

*Here's the study's technical explanation of why the location of the western **ridge** is so important for determining regional rainfall.*

ridiculous

a. completely lacking of wisdom or good sense

*'Yes, but I grow at a reasonable pace,' said the Dormouse: 'not in that **ridiculous** fashion.'*

rig

v. manipulate dishonestly; make or construct in haste

*The boss was able to **rig** the election by bribing people to stuff the ballot boxes with ballots marked in his candidate's favor.*

righteous

a. morally justified; equitable; free from wrong, guilt, or sin

*Noah was a **righteous** man, the one blameless man of his time; he walked with God.*

riot

n. state of disorder involving group violence; rebellion

*She said her main fear was that she would become the focus for a **riot** once people knew that she was in the prison.*

rip

v. tear or be torn violently; criticize or abuse strongly and violently

*The candidates **rip** into their opponents each other mercilessly.*

rise

v. move from a lower position to a higher; mount up; move upward; reach a higher level

*We hear the sound of their voices **rise** and fall according to the music.*

ritual

n. procedure for religious ceremonies; any customary practice

*The Catholic wedding will follow the next day with a final **ritual**.*

roast

v. cook with dry heat, usually in an oven; subject to laughter or ridicule

*His former students **roast** the professor at his 60th birthday.*

role

n. normal activity of a person in particular social setting; part played by a performer

*Amrozi naively admitted his **role** in the attack, they said, but the law needs more than confessions, it needs evidence.*

rot

v. become decomposed by a natural process; perish slowly; become corrupt

*The meat will **rot** if it isn't kept cool.*

rough

a. not perfected; having or caused by an irregular surface

*The company offered a **rough** outline of how a deal could be structured in Matthews.*

round

ad. by moving in or forming a circle; from beginning to end; throughout; to a specific place or person

*There were doors all **round** the hall, but they were all locked.*

route

n. way for travel or transportation

*The pipeline would cross on **route** from Iran, earning the Pakistani government millions of dollars in transit fees.*

routine

n. unvarying or habitual method of procedure; occurring at fixed times or predictable intervals

*I believe she was happy in her way: this **routine** sufficed for her.*

rub

v. move over the surface with pressure and friction; spread a substance thinly over

*They **rub** an old tin lamp or an iron ring.*

rule

n. governing direction for a specific purpose; regulation; systematic method

*She was doubtful whether to lie down on her face, she couldn't remember ever having heard of such a **rule**.*

sabotage

v. destroy property or hinder normal operations

The Resistance used to **sabotage** railroad operations during the war.

sack

n. bag made of paper or plastic for holding customer's purchases; enclosed space

*There was a fifty-pound **sack** of corn meal, and a side of bacon, ammunition, and a four-gallon jug of whisky, and an old book and two newspapers for wadding, besides some tow.*

sacred

a. concerned with religion; worthy of respect or dedication

*The cleric remains in a strong position, with Shia Islam's holiest site under the rule of his militia and US-led forces reluctant to cause any damage to the **sacred** city.*

sacrifice

n. offering of something to god; victim offered to god; surrender or loss of profit for higher object

*Without that struggle, his **sacrifice** is a meaningless loss or gesture.*

sake

n. purpose; reason for wanting something done

*I could dare it for the **sake** of any friend who deserved my adherence; as you, I am sure, do.*

sauce

n. stewed fruit served with other foods; appetizing ingredients for meat, fish or puddings

*Since the **sauce** is a bit watery, it always benefits from letting the pasta sit in it for five minutes before serving.*

scale

v. climb up or over; alter according to a standard; estimate or measure; remove in layers

*We **scale** the model to be one tenth of actual size.*

scan

v. make a wide, sweeping search of; examine

*He was taken back into the operating theatre after a brain **scan** revealed a rise in pressure inside his cranium and more bleeding.*

scandal

n. publicized incident that brings about disgrace; damage to reputation by disclosure of improper behavior

*The President is at the center of a recent **scandal** over revelation about his financial interests.*

scar

n. mark of damage; mark left on the skin after injury

*Clayton remains convinced this **scar** is due to an experimental operation to collect his DNA.*

scenario

n. screenplay; outline or model of an expected sequence of events

*The **scenario** is the same throughout the West countries, all of whose governments are responding to the collapse in similar ways.*

scent

n. distinctive odor that is pleasant; fragrance; perfume

*How fragrant was the steam of the beverage, and the **scent** of the toast!*

schedule

n. plan for an activity or event; arrange

*Now, after the failure of Cancun, there's a much bigger question mark over concluding the new deal on **schedule**.*

scheme

n. elaborate and systematic plan of action; chart or outline of a system or object

*As well as the baby bonus **scheme**, Prime Minister says his government is to encourage more immigration as a way of bringing in more talent.*

scholarship

n. knowledge resulting from study and research; grant of financial aid awarded to student

*Bearing in mind that the **scholarship** is a private one, which is specifically named after Mr. Sitole.*

scissors

n. edge tool having two crossed pivoting blades

*Most types of **scissors** are not particularly sharp; it is primarily the shearing between the two blades which cuts.*

scoop

n. vessel with a long handle, used for dipping liquids; deep shovel for digging out and dipping; spoon-shaped instrument

*Handy lift-and-drain **scoop** is better than messy baskets.*

score

n. act of getting point in a game or sport; facts about an actual situation

*Also, you guys talking about how much you despised the **score** is also quite good.*

List 25

scout

v. find paths through unexplored territory

*He joined our team and planed to **scout** that area we never touched.*

scratch

v. cut the surface of; cause friction

*"Hey, Huck!--you hear that?" Huck began to dig and **scratch** now.*

screw

n. cause to penetrate with a circular motion; fastener with shank and slotted head

*He was held in his precarious position by ice **screw** and rope.*

script

v. prepare text for filming or broadcasting

*The playwright agreed to **script** the movie in three months.*

scroll

n. a roll of paper; a writing formed into a roll; schedule or list; mark added to signature, intended to represent a seal

*Near the King was the White Rabbit, with a trumpet in one hand, and a **scroll** of parchment in the other.*

scum

n. impure matter that forms on or rises to the surface of a liquid or body of water; worthless people

*When **scum** is thick and compact, remove with a slotted spoon.*

seal

n. middle size aquatic mammal; stamp used for authentication or security

*Because the **seal** on this bottle is broken, we have to discard it for security reason.*

section

n. one of several parts; pieces that fit with others to constitute a whole object

*The mob ran out of control along a 5 kilometer **section** of the main highway to Delhi, smashing fences, looting food and beating up shopkeepers.*

sector

n. particular aspect of life or activity; body of people who form part of society or economy

*He was helpless in an important **sector** of his life.*

secure

v. free from fear, care, or anxiety; not have reason to doubt

*The troops **secure** the area before the civilians are allowed to return.*

seek

v. make an effort to; try to get; try to discover

*I always **seek** to do good in the world.*

sense

n. faculty through which to know external world; feeling

produced by stimulus

*We are interdependent, therefore, we have no other choice than to develop a **sense** of universal responsibility.*

sensitive

a. able to feel; responsive to external conditions; susceptible to attitudes of others

*Making this situation extra **sensitive** is the fact that while benchmark interest rates have continued to rise over the course of the week.*

series

n. a number of things or events standing or succeeding in order; sequence

*There are a **series** of books for dogs; I just read one regarding to my puppy.*

session

n. meeting devoted to a particular activity; time for school to hold classes

*It was the opening **session** of the legislature.*

setting

n. context and environment in which something is set

*Just how much the times have changed could be seen from the **setting** of this concert.*

settle

v. take up residence; form a community; come to rest; bring to an end; fix firmly

*The moment Alice appeared, she was appealed to by all three to **settle** the question, and they repeated their arguments to her.*

severe

a. serious in feeling or manner; not light, lively, or cheerful
*No **severe** or prolonged bodily illness followed this incident; it only gave my nerves a shock of which I feel the reverberation to this day.*

sewer

n. waste pipe that carries away sewage or surface water;
someone who sews
*A **sewer** is an artificial pipe or system used to remove human liquid waste and to provide drainage.*

shallow

a. lacking physical depth; not deep or strong
*People dig or pan for gold or diamonds, risking their lives in **shallow** mines which frequently collapse.*

shave

n. act of removing hair with a razor; thin slice or scraping
*He had a **shave** and a bath before leaving.*

shave

v. touch the surface of lightly; remove the beard or other body hair from
*His back can **shave** the counter in passing.*

shed

v. get rid of ; cast off; cause to pour forth
*In the three decades after 1945, Britain **shed** virtually all of the colonies*

that had taken centuries to acquire.

sheet

n. bed linen consisting of a large rectangular piece; any broad thin surface

*Under this **sheet** is the head of one of the most recent victims of Mexico's drug wars.*

shelter

n. structure that provides privacy and protection from danger

*I undressed hastily, and sought **shelter** from cold and darkness in my crib.*

shepherd

n. a herder of sheep; someone who keeps the sheep together in a flock

*I should have been a careless **shepherd** if I had left a lamb so near a wolf's den.*

shield

n. protective covering or structure; protect; guard

*Mr. Putin poured scorn on the plans to build a new missile **shield** in Eastern Europe.*

shift

n. moving from one setting or context to another; moving very slightly

*Twenty-one developing nations have come together to say, that they believe the meeting will be doomed unless there's a radical **shift** by the rich nations.*

shock

n. unpleasant or disappointing surprise; surprise greatly; effect of such a collision or blow

*The shot of the girl standing in **shock** is one of the most disturbing scenes you'll witness.*

short

a. not long; unwilling to endure; inadequate or insufficient; most direct; lasting a brief time

*She was **short** with the slower students.*

shower

n. one who shows or exhibits; brief fall of precipitation, such as rain, hail; bath in which the water is sprayed

*What they call a storm here is just a rain **shower** with some thunder.*

shrink

v. become smaller or draw together; compress

*She waited for a few minutes to see if she was going to **shrink** any further.*

sign

n. public display of message; visible mark or indication

*When I was a little girl, I heard that to dream of children was a sure **sign** of trouble, either to one's self or one's kin.*

signal

n. a sign made for the purpose of giving notice to a person

*He awaited the **signal** to start.*

signature

n. name written in own handwriting

*All the bill needs to come into effect is the **signature** of President George Bush.*

significant

a. fairly large; important in effect or meaning

*This kind of planning presents the government with a **significant** problem.*

similar

a. nearly corresponding; somewhat like; having a general likeness

*In return, it wants the US to make **similar** moves, as to cut tariffs and increase quotas for EU goods.*

sincere

a. open and genuine; not deceitful; pure; unmixed

*He was a good man, decent and **sincere**.*

single

a. one only; consisting of one alone; alone; having no companion

*"No, Jim, you couldn't understand any word they said - not a **single** word."*

sink

v. fall by, force of gravity; descend lower; decline gradually; enter deeply

*They both sat silent and looked at poor Alice, who felt ready to **sink** into the earth.*

List 26

site

n. physical position in relation to the surroundings; position; location

*When someone asks me where to look for help, your **site** is always on the list - so thanks.*

sketch

v. draw or describe briefly; give the main points; summary of
*I offered to **sketch** their portraits; and each, in turn, sat for a pencil outline.*

skip

v. jump lightly; hop; bypass

*It appears that Serbia and Montenegro's withdrawal will allow their old enemy, Croatia, to **skip** qualification and go straight to the final.*

slack

n. area of still water; lack of tension; cord, rope, or cable that is hanging loosely; unused capacity; casual trousers

*His eyes were dark and blank, his expression **slack**.*

slam

v. shut with force and a loud noise; strike with force

*Please don't **slam** the door; children are reading inside.*

slap

n. sharp blow from a flat object as an open hand; smack; sharp

insult

*His decision was a **slap** in the face to those who had tried to change his mind.*

slide

v. slip; move usually in an uncontrolled manner; move smoothly along a surface

*We **slide** until the bottom of the hill.*

slight

n. almost no; very little; deliberate discourtesy

*“Countries like France, Germany, Italy, Poland, Ukraine, and the UK were all essentially flat or even in **slight** decline,” *Telegeography* says.*

slim

a. small in quantity; being of delicate or slender build

*I remember her as a **slim** young woman, with black hair, dark eyes, very nice features, and good, clear complexion.*

slip

v. move smoothly and easily; move out of position; move stealthily

*The ship tried to **slip** away in the darkness.*

smart

a. clever; intelligent; showing mental alertness and calculation

*In an age of **smart** missiles and precision-guided weaponry President Bush is going to have to rely upon good old-fashioned charm if he is to win over America's skeptical NATO allies.*

smooth

v. free from obstructions; make surface shine

*They decided to **smooth** the way towards peace negotiations.*

snack

v. eat light informal meal; eat lightly

*I never lose weight because I **snack** between meals.*

snap

v. make a sharp sound; break suddenly as under tension; utter in angry or sharp tone

*The sales clerk did not **snap** a reply at any angry customers.*

sober

a. not extreme; marked by seriousness or gravity; not affected by use of drugs; self-restraint

*They agree that half the fun of being **sober** is watching how really stupid their drunk friends behave.*

sole

n. bottom; underside of foot or shoe or boot; bottom surface of a plow

*The back of the **sole** is attached to the shoe by a semi-circle of nails driven from the outside.*

solo

a. composed or performed by a single voice or instrument; unaccompanied; single

After a long and anxious night waiting for just the right conditions for launch, Steve Fossett and his ground crew decided to go ahead with his

latest attempt at a **solo** circumnavigation.

solution

n. method for solving a problem; successful action of solving a problem

*Their **solution** to crippling financial problems has been to merge with one another in an attempt to get bigger and hopefully stronger.*

somehow

ad. in one way or another; in some way not yet known; by some means

*The thing must be done **somehow** today, no matter what method you choose.*

somewhat

ad. to some extent or degree; rather; a bit; slightly

*There is a Caribbean feel to the song and that type of energy and enthusiasm to the song that makes it **somewhat** mystifying.*

sophisticated

a. wide-ranging knowledge; complex; intellectually appealing

*We could have secured our homeland -- investing in **sophisticated** new protection for our ports, our trains and our power plants.*

sore

n. skin infection; hurting; inflamed and painful; source of pain, distress, or irritation

*I already had a bleeding **sore** from the pole so when we stopped and I was allowed to sit down.*

sort

n. kind or species; a class of;

*And here Alice began to get rather sleepy, and went on saying to herself, in a dreamy **sort** of way.*

sound

n. sensation perceived by the ear; distinctive noise; long narrow inlet

*The **sound** of TV is so loud that we have to talk in next room.*

sour

a. taste experience when vinegar or lemon juice; showing ill humor

*The incident now appears to be closed but it has left a **sour** taste among senior Italian diplomats responsible for relations with the Arab world.*

source

n. point of origin, such as spring, of stream or river; one that causes, creates, or initiates

*Walters was not expecting an application from this **source** for the next ten years.*

spare

v. give up what is not strictly needed; hold back from; withhold or avoid; save or relieve from action

*The terms of their new mandate were hard for Iraq to accept, but it had no choice to **spare** the country war.*

spare

a. just sufficient; kept in reserve; extra; free for other use

You can keep a **spare** rechargeable battery; if you are out and can't recharge, it will let you work double hours.

species

n. a specific kind of something

*I walked fast till I got warm, and then I walked slowly to enjoy and analyse the **species** of pleasure brooding for me in the hour and situation.*

specific

a. stated explicitly or in detail; definite

*FBI officials stressed that they were aware of no **specific** plot to attack any other aircraft.*

spectacular

a. impressive or sensational; lavishly produced performance; grand

*Although the continent has been the worst affected by AIDS, it also boasts some of the world's most **spectacular** success stories.*

spill

v. pour; sudden drop from an upright position; flow or run out

*He made the former employee to **spill** all details of project.*

spin

v. turn round rapidly; move round rapidly; move swiftly

*We laid there all day, and watched the rafts and steamboats **spin** down the Missouri shore.*

spiritual

a. not tangible or material; belonging to religion; sacred;

supernatural

*As the **spiritual** is the home of wonders, so also is it the field of brightest exploits.*

spit

v. expel or eject from the mouth; rain gently

*It's rude to **spit** in public except soccer players.*

splendid

a. shining; very bright; magnificent; brilliant

*Pretty soon a **splendid** young man come down the road, setting his horse easy and looking like a soldier.*

split

v. break apart; cut; divide

*They **split** up after a year of marriage.*

spoil

v. go bad; rot; decay; become unfit for consumption or use

*I couldn't somehow bear to **spoil** this party, that Russell prepared for 3 weeks.*

spontaneous

a. arising without external cause; growing without cultivation or human labor

*The children's inherent love of learning is encouraged by giving them opportunities to engage in **spontaneous**, meaningful activities under the guidance of a trained adult.*

spray

n. a quantity of small objects flying through air

*Telescopes across the world, and in Earth orbit, will be watching the giant **spray** of debris thrown out by the impact.*

List 27

spring

v. develop suddenly; jump; move forward by leaps and bounds
*New businesses would **spring** up rapidly in this area.*

square

v. be compatible with; cause to match; cut to rectangular shape; bring into agreement or balance; settle
*She could not **square** the request with her principles.*

squeeze

v. force something into or through a restricted space; compress with violence
*It uses its market power to **squeeze** the incomes of farmers and other suppliers.*

stable

a. not easily moved or disturbed
*Keeping insulin **stable** is important all day long, so avoiding all sugar and anything that breaks down quickly into glucose in the body is the goal.*

staff

n. personnel who assist superior to carry out assigned task
*The information is intended to help big firms set salaries and other benefits for **staff** working away from their home country.*

stake

n. money risked on gamble; pole set up to mark something; right

or legal share of something

*The corner of the lot was indicated by a **stake**.*

stall

n. small area set off by walls for special use; booth

*They usually buy food from a market **stall**.*

standard

n. criteria; basis for comparison

*And this will bring us to a final **standard** product of the human genome fully and publicly available for all to use for biomedical research.*

standing

a. high reputation; esteem; maintaining an erect position

*At the end they received the leader who was a person of **standing** in the community.*

statue

n. sculpture representing a human or animal

*A garden **statue** of Buddha was in a light finish approximately 110 cm high and 54 cm by 50 cm wide.*

status

n. position relative to others; standing

*He never troubled himself about his **status**.*

steady

a. securely in position; not shaky; not easily excited

*She took a new needle, waxed it carefully, threaded her needle with a **steady** hand.*

steak

n. slice of meat, typically beef, usually cut thick

*Vegetables are not normally served with **steak** in this manner, but a green salad may follow.*

stick

v. fasten into place by fixing an end; be a follower or supporter

*Please **stick** the corner of the sheet under the mattress.*

stiff

a. not moving or operating freely; lacking ease in bending;
resistant

*No one doubts, though, the competition will remain **stiff** indeed.*

sting

v. pierce painfully with sharp pointed structure or organ; cause to suffer keenly in the mind or feelings

*Those harsh words **sting** me bitterly.*

stock

n. certificate for shareholder of corporation; total amount of goods in a shop

*The value of corporation **stock** doubled during the past year.*

strain

n. group of organisms within a species; tension; pressure

*The **strain** of flu is known as H2N2 and if caught by one person, could spread very easily to cause a global pandemic.*

strategy

n. elaborate and systematic plan; plan of action intended to accomplish a specific goal

*The centre will carry out research and develop a **strategy** to fight the spread of the disease.*

stress

n. put special emphasis on; utter with an accent; state of extreme difficulty, pressure, or strain

*He presided over the economy during the period of its greatest **stress** and danger.*

stretch

v. extend; pull in opposite directions; lie down comfortably

*They've already undergone surgery to **stretch** their skin.*

string

n. lightweight cord; a collection of objects threaded on a single strand; plant fiber

*If the **string** is shortened in certain numeric proportions, other sounds will be produced.*

strip

v. remove the surface from

*They **strip** the clothes from a man's back.*

stroke

n. blow; light touch; sudden loss of consciousness for brain

blood vessel lacking oxygen

*The doctors need to preserve and re-route those veins or both twins risk suffering a **stroke**.*

structure

n. complex construction or entity; complex composition of knowledge

*Sociologists have studied the changing **structure** of the family.*

stubborn

a. unreasonably, often perversely unyielding; persistent; difficult to treat

*The buses that failed to run were those that were temporarily stuck in **stubborn**, icy patches.*

studio

n. workplace for the teaching or practice of an art

*The Disney corporation in the United States has announced that it's buying Pixar film **studio** for more than seven-billion dollars.*

stuff

n. unspecified objects; tangible substance

*Wheat is the **stuff** they use to make bread.*

style

n. particular kind; a way of expressing something

*All the reporters were expected to adopt the **style** of this newspaper.*

subject

n. something to be treated; course or area of study

*"I won't indeed!" said Alice, in a great hurry to change the **subject** of conversation. "Are you fond of dogs?"*

substitute

v. exchange; put in the place of another

*Low and middle income countries are suffering from the condition, as they **substitute** fiber intake for a much higher consumption of saturated fats and sugar.*

subtle

a. slight; be difficult to detect or grasp by the mind

*His whole attitude had undergone a **subtle** change.*

suck

v. draw liquid into mouth; take in; draw something by vacuum

*He should **suck** the poison from the place where the snake bit.*

suitcase

n. portable rectangular traveling bag for carrying clothes

*Most major airlines have recently begun enforcing **suitcase** size and weight policies, which have been on the books for years but seldom applied.*

suite

n. apartment consisting of a series of connected rooms; a matching set of furniture

*Now you can have a full-featured office productivity **suite** that's compatible with Microsoft Office at just a slice of the cost.*

summit

n. utmost height; highest point of a mountain

*I'm not totally convinced that the government or any certain **summit** is going to provide that, frankly.*

superior

a. greater rank or station or quality; excellent

*The army was defeated by **superior** numbers of enemy troops.*

supposedly

ad. seemingly; believed or reputed to be the case

*That sort of private payment, and the two-tiered medicine it implies, is becoming common in **supposedly** universal systems.*

supreme

a. most outstanding; highest; superior

*Last Sunday the **supreme** leader Ayatollah Khamenei asked young people to remain calm in the run up to July the 9th.*

surgeon

n. one who performs manual operations on a patient

*A brain **surgeon** practicing every day may do a faster and better job than someone who does brain surgery once every few years.*

List 28

surgery

n. medical treatment that involves cutting open a person's body
*Doctors not involved with his treatment have told the BBC that **surgery** is not particularly effective for patients in Sharon's condition.*

surrender

v. hand over, give up, give something into another's control
*But analysts say national governments may prove highly reluctant to **surrender** control of their radio frequencies to Brussels.*

survival

n. existence; remaining alive
*It's a classic case of **survival** of the fittest and the fight for space between man and beast.*

survive

v. continue to live; endure or last
*In 1998, he was lucky to **survive** when his balloon plummeted into the sea.*

suspect

v. have doubts about; distrust
*They **suspect** that new company is operating in the area, but don't know its name.*

suspicious

a. openly distrustful and unwilling to confide; questionable
For all the current goodwill on display in Aceh, Indonesian and rebel

soldiers are still deeply **suspicious** of one another.

swallow

v. take back what one has said ; enclose or envelop completely

*The government is expected to persuade the French to **swallow** their doubts on the EU Constitution and vote yes.*

swamp

n. low land that is seasonally flooded; low land region saturated with water

*A Florida **swamp** is a bad place to be, if you don't know how to find your way around in the woods.*

swear

v. affirm or utter a solemn declaration; make promise or resolve on oath

*"Are you in earnest? Do you truly love me? Do you sincerely wish me to be your wife?" "I do; and if an oath is necessary to satisfy you, I **swear** it."*

sweater

n. knitted garment covering the upper part of the body

*If the **sweater** has no sleeves, it is generally called a vest.*

sweep

n. movement in an arc; clean with a broom; wide scope; winning all

*The Republican **sweep** is good news for Afghanistan, said Nader Nadery, analyst and director of Human Rights Commission of Afghanistan.*

swell

v. bulge; expand abnormally; increase in size; become filled with pride or anger

*The bellies of the starving children began to **swell** yesterday.*

swing

v. sway or move from one side to another; turn round by wind or tide; be hanged

*When he played out, Johnny Miller bought in for a dead rat and a string to **swing** it with.*

symbol

n. sign; something visible to represent something else invisible

*Often the destruction takes place in public, as a visible **symbol** of peace replacing war.*

tag

v. attach; append; provide with a name or nickname; label

*Please **tag** the label to your suitcase.*

talented

a. showing a natural gift for something

*It aims to promote the sharing of information and ideas, for teachers and parents, on the education of the gifted and **talented**.*

tap

v. draw upon; strike lightly; make good use of

*It will also develop techniques to locate and **tap** underground water reservoirs.*

tape

n. long thin piece of cloth or paper; measuring instrument for length by narrow strip

*The carpenter should have used his **tape** measure the room before any other jobs.*

target

n. reference point to shoot at; goal intended to be attained

*The iPhone 5 is an obvious **target** for Apple fans to pursue.*

task

v. labor or study imposed by another; undertake; labor

*I wished that she would always be so pleasant, and never push me about, or **task** me unreasonably.*

team

n. a number of persons associated together in any work; a flock of wild ducks

*Volleyball is a **team** game, how about beach volleyball?*

tear

v. separate or be separated by force; divide or disrupt; fill with tears or shed tears

*This puzzle would **tear** the organization between opposing choices: for or against eating shark fins.*

tease

v. tear into pieces; raise the fibers of

*They **tease** tissue for microscopic examinations.*

tease

v. annoy persistently; harass with persistent criticism; gain by persistent coaxing

*The editor could **tease** great books from an author's first draft.*

technical

a. having special skill or knowledge; according to principle; formal rather than practical; relating to technique

*The ASX yesterday halted trading for four hours after detecting a **technical** issue.*

technique

n. practical method or art applied to some particular task; skillfulness

*He displayed a flawless **technique** in the competition.*

technology

n. application of science, especially to industrial or commercial objectives

*Without a doubt, they say the use of electronic records and other advances in **technology** is dramatically improving patient care.*

temper

v. moderate; tone down or restrain; bring to a desired consistency; adjust finely

*They begin to **temper** the portfolio to match investor's needs.*

temporary

a. not permanent; not lasting

*The Administration says the tariffs were meant to be a **temporary** measure designed to give the American steel industry time to reorganize.*

tender

v. offer formally; extend; propose a payment

*Although no formal charges had been made against him, in the wake of the recent scandal the mayor felt he should **tender** his resignation.*

tender

a. given to sympathy or gentleness; easily hurt; sensitive; young and vulnerable

*We can feel his **tender** heart from his singing.*

tense

a. stretch or force to the limit; tight

*The northern city of Kano, which has a history of sectarian violence is especially **tense**, but has remained peaceful.*

tension

n. action of stretching something tight; anxiety; feelings of hostility

*There's a growing mood of transatlantic **tension**, both real and imagined; a feeling that European capitals and Washington no longer view the world in quite the same way.*

term

n. limited period of time; point in time at which something ends; termination; deadline

*The Treasury Department announced plans to sell \$50 billion in short **term** securities next week.*

terminal

n. causing or ending in or approaching death; station

*In February, a jury ordered the company to pay 51 million dollars to a Marlboro smoker with **terminal** lung cancer.*

terrace

n. row of houses built in a similar style; level shelf of land with steep slopes

*In agriculture, a **terrace** is a leveled section of a hilly cultivated area, designed as a method of soil conservation.*

terrific

a. causing extreme terror; very great; extraordinarily good

*And that night there came on a **terrific** storm, with driving rain, awful claps of thunder and blinding sheets of lightning.*

territory

n. large extent of land; organized portion of country

*How much **territory** does he travel over this year?*

terror

n. extreme fear; violent dread; fright

*The consequence was that the smaller boys spent their days in **terror** and suffering.*

testimony

n. solemn declaration or affirmation; something that serves as evidence

*And make it clear, you know, we speak as one voice, what you heard for the last two days in **testimony** is what I also believe.*

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theft

n. act of taking something from someone unlawfully; stealing
*The main problem in arresting the **theft** is a lack of political will.*

theme

n. subject of conversation or discussion; topic; essay
*His letters were always on the **theme** of love.*

theory

n. doctrine or scheme of things; general or abstract principles of any science
*The other main **theory** is that stress during birth somehow leads to left-handedness.*

therapy

n. healing power or quality; treatment of illness
*Some struggle for years in **therapy** with one practitioner after another, and never seem to make any progress.*

thorough

a. accurate or careful; complete
*He knew a **thorough** search would be made for it.*

thoughtful

a. considerate; having intellectual depth; giving close attention
*I would say Americans are more **thoughtful** about foreign policy and domestic policy.*

thrill

v. feel sudden intense sensation or emotion; tremble as from fear or excitement

*At such a silent night, the speed and roar of the engine **thrill** us at first.*

throat

n. part of neck in front of; passage to stomach and lung

*The film grabbed me by the **throat** from the first moment and didn't let go until the very last.*

throughout

ad. in every part; in or through all parts; everywhere; during the entire time or extent

*Though unsure how her speech would be received, she remained calm and professional **throughout**.*

thumb

n. short, thick first digit of human hand

*Each boy pricked the ball of his **thumb** and squeezed out a drop of blood.*

thunder

n. sound which follows flash of lightning; discharge of electricity; loud noise

*They were amazed and alarmed, to see us make, what they called **thunder** and lightning.*

tick

v. emit recurring clicking sounds; do well or as designed

*He made this factory **tick** two decades with strong knowledge of the economics and technology.*

tissue

n. groups of cells that make particular parts of the body; soft thin paper

*Doctors planted tiny expandable balloons under each baby's scalp so they'll have enough skin **tissue** to cover their heads one they're separated.*

title

n. right or claim to possession; mark of rank; name of a book or film

*Though the penniless Duke of Ragwort no longer held **title** to the family estate, he still retained as head of one of England's oldest families.*

toast

v. dry and brown by heat of fire; warm thoroughly; drink to the health or in honor

*Let's **toast** the friendship between two countries.*

tongue

n. organ situated in floor of mouth; speech; language; clapper of bell

*The dog sat down with its **tongue** hanging out of its mouth, and its great eyes half shut.*

topic

n. subject of a speech, essay, thesis, discussion, or conversation

*It was a very sensitive **topic** to discuss, may I have chance to change it?*

torch

n. large candle or lamp giving flaring flame; flashlight

*The yard is so dark, he turned on the **torch** to look for his keys.*

torture

n. extreme pain; anguish of body or mind

*They began to feel a vague fear, and then the real **torture** came.*

toss

v. throw carelessly; throw to see which side comes up; move or stir about violently

*He used to **toss** the newspaper after reading it.*

tough

a. hard; difficult; feeling physical discomfort or pain; hard to bear

*She's against **tough** competition, such as Meryl Streep, and other excellent movies.*

towel

n. rectangular cloth or paper for drying or wiping

*He grabs a **towel** from the stack behind him and pats his face dry.*

toxic

a. poisonous; caused by a toxin or other poison

*We must seek an antidote for whatever **toxic** substance he has eaten.*

trace

v. follow, discover; make a mark or lines on a surface

*The first problem is who is responsible for the material: the original author, who may be impossible to **trace**, or the Internet service provider.*

track

n. road or path affording passage; line or route along which something moves

*The negotiators reach agreement and a fast **track** legislation that would allow passage through the US congress without amendments.*

tradition

n. thought or behavior followed from generation to generation; heritage

*The state of Massachusetts has always been famous for its history, and especially rich in **tradition** is the region around Boston.*

tragedy

n. disaster; event resulting in great loss and misfortune

*Local authorities in Egypt say that 238 people or more have died in the train **tragedy** south of Cairo.*

trail

n. path or track roughly through wild or hilly country; overland route

*As for him, bareback riding on the mountain **trail** is out of the question.*

tramp

v. travel or wander through; cleanse clothes in water

*Keep the river road all the way, and next time you **tramp** take shoes and socks with you.*

transfer

n. shifting; conveyance or removal of something from one place, person, or thing to another

*They are also looking into allegations of the illegal **transfer** of shares that enabled the Chung family to retain management control.*

transplant

n. act of uprooting and moving a plant to a new location

*His comeback appearances with other clubs were swiftly curtailed by his drinking, which continued after his second wife left him and after his liver **transplant**.*

transport

v. carry from one place to another; carry away; deport

*What I was trying to **transport** is the oil that is in demand particularly.*

trap

v. catch; hold or catch as if in a hole

*The gaps between the teeth **trap** food particles.*

trauma

n. emotional wound or shock having long-lasting effects; serious injury to the body

*Brain **trauma** is a serious public health challenge.*

treatment

n. handling; care that are intended to relieve illness or injury

*The plan aims to improve care, **treatment** and diagnosis by training thousands of new medical workers.*

tremendous

a. huge; capable of making one tremble; terrible

*After **tremendous** effort, the Coast Guard called off all search efforts yesterday.*

trial

n. experiment; act of testing; examination of evidence to determine the charges or claims

*The **trial** of 21 medical workers, allegedly linked to an outbreak of the HIV virus in southern Kazakhstan, has begun.*

trick

n. cunning or deceitful activity; attempt to get others to do something foolish

*These children loved playing a special **trick** on their teacher.*

trigger

v. cause something happen; set off

*Please skip the remarks that will **trigger** bitter debates again.*

triple

a. consisting of three united; multiplied by three; threefold; three times repeated

*By convention, many web site names start with **triple** W, that means world wide web.*

List 30

trunk

n. stem, or body, of a tree; main stem, without the branches;
body of animal apart from the head and limbs

*Nothing will save a tree after the main **trunk** is attacked by large numbers of this beetle.*

tube

n. hollow cylindrical shape; underground railway

*The mayor says he'll pour money on the **tube**, back into the underground network.*

tuck

v. make one or more folds in; store in a safe spot; put in a snug spot

*He tried to **tuck** his shirt into his trousers.*

tunnel

n. passageway through or under something, usually underground

*The rabbit-hole went straight on like a **tunnel** for some way, and then dipped suddenly down.*

twist

v. turn in the opposite direction; form into a spiral shape

*It was to **twist** it up into a sort of knot, and then keep tight hold of its right ear and left foot, so as to prevent its undoing itself.*

typical

a. conforming to a type; representative

*Its producer plans to shoot the project on a very modest budget, well below the tens, or even hundreds of millions, spent on a **typical** Hollywood blockbuster in the United States.*

ugly

a. offensive to the sight; contrary to beauty; disagreeable aspect; unsightly

*"If it had grown up," she said to herself, "it would have made a dreadfully **ugly** child: but it makes rather a handsome pig, I think."*

ultimate

a. final; being the last or concluding; fundamental; elemental; extreme

*As the **ultimate** arbiter of the Constitution, the Supreme Court occupies a central place in our scheme of government.*

ultimately

ad. as final consequence; at last; in the end

*Every value they create **ultimately** belongs to each of us.*

unconscious

a. lacking awareness; senseless; unaware

*So I think at this hour, when I look back to the crisis through the quiet medium of time: I was **unconscious** of folly at the instant.*

underestimate

v. make too low an estimate of the quantity; undervalue

*One thing I think you **underestimate** is how much in the minority you are.*

underneath

ad. under or below an object or a surface; lower down on the page

*The skin **underneath** is constantly breaking down and is very painful.*

undo

v. release; cause the ruin or downfall of; cancel or reverse an action

*'A knot!' said Alice, always ready to make herself useful, and looking anxiously about her. 'Oh, do let me help to **undo** it!'*

uniform

n. consistent; standardized; clothing of a particular group

*At issue is a demand that all imports are accompanied by **uniform** certificates authorised by the Commission and not the individual member states.*

unique

a. without an equal; being the only one of its kind

*You have to face a problem **unique** to coastal areas.*

unlikely

a. improbable; has little chance of being the case or coming about

*Even more **unlikely** is that they would be refused at the border.*

update

v. supply with recent information; bring up to date; bring to the latest state of technology

*We **update** the kitchen in the old house and add some modern appliances.*

upset

a. concerned by anxious uneasiness or trouble or grief

*As soon as the jury had a little recovered from the shock of being **upset**, and their slates and pencils had been found and handed back to them.*

vacation

n. leisure time away from work; act of making something legally void

*I wish I could go, but my **vacation** is already taken up by other upcoming trips.*

valid

a. logically convincing; sound; legally acceptable; well grounded

*He said the large number of people surveyed and the lack of corrupting factors mean certain **valid** conclusions can be drawn from the results.*

valley

n. space between ranges of mountains; area drained or irrigated by a river system; internal angle formed by intersection

*Only on the hills skirting the **valley**, the trees were somewhat wild again.*

vanquish

v. conquer; overcome; come out better in a competition

*The time it takes to **vanquish** is greatly increased by lots of unnecessary backtracking.*

vehicle

n. automobile; means of conveying; medium

*The **vehicle** was driven to an underground garage where, say police, the robbers transferred four strong boxes full of cash into a getaway car.*

vengeance

n. punishment inflicted in return for an injury or an offense; retribution

*Avenging someone implies that you have been a victim of outrages and **vengeance** is required.*

verdict

n. findings of jury on issues of fact for decision; judgment or opinion

*For weeks EU institutions have been waiting for the **verdict** of two nations at the heart of Europe.*

version

n. written work in a new form; edition; interpretation of a particular viewpoint

*He downloaded the latest **version** of the software from the Internet.*

vice

n. moral fault or failing; evil, degrading, or immoral practice or habit; physical defect or weakness

*I would not ascribe **vice** to him; I would not say he had betrayed me.*

vicious

a. by vice or defects; defective; imperfect; having the nature of vice; evil, immoral, or depraved

*The beauty queen also spoke, defending herself against **vicious** attacks.*

violent

a. turbulent; intensely vivid or loud; by violence or bloodshed
*Significantly, he never used the word terrorism, but he hit hard on what he called **violent** extremism and its consequences.*

virus

n. disease communicator; something that poisons one's soul or mind; program for unwanted actions in computer
*So now I guess the **virus** is gone but I think we have another one because yahoo still freezes sometimes when you open a new browser window.*

vision

n. ability to see; sight; vivid mental image
*The Boeing **vision** for a growing aviation business seems to be one of a large number of direct, or 'point to point' flights.*

visual

a. seen or able to be seen by the eye; visible; optical
*Thank you for the **visual** presentation; it helps very much.*

vital

a. full of life; animated; necessary to continued existence; living or breathing
*Most states are facing drastic cuts in **vital** services because of the recession.*

void

n. emptiness; containing nothing; clear or empty a place

Anyone who is still alive now, is found in a **void** space, maybe it's under a stairwell.

volume

n. capacity; amount of space occupied by an object

*The remains, much reduced in **volume** from the original, had been preserved in the silver box.*

vow

n. solemn promise made to God; promise of fidelity; pledge of love or affection

*Not only were they as good as their word, but the **vow** is kept to this day by their children's children.*

vulnerable

a. susceptible to wounds; capable of being wounded or hurt

*His opponents could not harm Achilles, who was **vulnerable** only in his heel.*

wander

v. move about without a definite destination or purpose; range about; stroll; go away; depart

*We **wander** in some strange wilderness, aimlessly without direction.*

ward

n. guard; defender; protector; state under guard; division of a county; division of a hospital

*The patient lay quietly on his bed in the medical **ward**.*

warden

n. keeper; guardian; watchman; officer who keeps or guards

*What are the duties of a traffic **warden**?*

List 31

wardrobe

n. tall cabinet, closet, or small room built to hold clothes

*Put the **wardrobe** in the corner opposite the door.*

warehouse

n. depot; storehouse for goods and merchandise

*A sixty-eight year old dealer had his **warehouse** raided this week and the police confiscated nearly a million and a quarter bangers, rockets and firecrackers.*

wax

v. increase gradually in size, number, strength, or intensity;

show a progressively larger illuminated area

*With proper handling, his fortunes **wax** and he becomes rich.*

web

n. textile fabric; complex, interconnected structure or arrangement; the World Wide Web; radio or television network

*I convince that the **web** is the best way to deploy educational content right now.*

weed

n. undesirable or troublesome plant, especially growing where it is not wanted as in a garden.

*You know, what you call a **weed**, to one man it's a flower.*

welfare

n. benefit; something that aids health or happiness

*Many receive government food rations, and about a quarter are living in **welfare** camps.*

whip

v. strike with repeated strokes, as with a strap or rod; lash

*The wind used to **whip** across the plain in this season.*

whip

v. conquer or defeat in contest or game; defeat thoroughly

*Their team can **whip** ours at volleyball, in fact it has chance to get champion.*

whistle

v. make a kind of musical sound by lips; emit a similar sound from mouth as birds

*"Poor little thing!" said Alice, in a coaxing tone, and she tried hard to **whistle** to it.*

wicked

a. evil in principle or practice; contrary to moral or divine law; addicted to vice or sin

*She said it was **wicked** to stay in there; ; she was going to live so as to go to the good place.*

wisdom

n. quality of being wise; knowledge ; results of wise judgments

*According to conventional **wisdom**, voters usually make their choice on the basis of domestic issues.*

wit

n. intellect; mental ability; natural ability to perceive and understand

*Your **wit** is as sharp as a pencil right out of a pencil sharpener.*

witness

n. someone who sees an event and reports what happened; observe; watch

*This did not seem to encourage the **witness** at all: he kept shifting from one foot to the other, looking uneasily at the Queen.*

wrap

v. enclose; arrange or fold as a cover or protection

*I will **wrap** the baby before taking her out.*

wreck

n. destruction; destroy; smash or break forcefully

*The house was a **wreck** when they bought it.*

yacht

n. light ship used for private pleasure trips

*Huge waves drove the **yacht** onto the rocks.*

yard

n. rod; stick; branch; long piece of timber; measure of length, equaling three feet

*Some young birds come along, flying a **yard** or two at a time.*

yard

n. enclosure, usually small place around house or barn; small area with fence

*I know grass will grow in it because my **yard** is the same type of soil.*

2 Middle Level

List 1

abnormal

a. unusual; not typical; not normal

*Fujitsu, Toshiba, HP and Lenovo all insist that their designs are sufficiently different to Dell and Apple, that there is no **abnormal** risk of fire.*

abort

v. stop; terminate before completion; terminate a pregnancy

*However, most women say that the decision to **abort** is a difficult one.*

abrupt

a. broken off; very steep; having sudden transitions from one subject to another

*Eliza's greeting was delivered in a short, **abrupt** voice, without a smile; and then she sat down again, fixed her eyes on the fire, and seemed to forget me.*

absorb

v. assimilate or incorporate; suck or drink up; occupy full attention

*By contrast, what students can **absorb** from a one-day visit to a college are the tangibles.*

abstract

a. theoretical; not concrete; not applied or practical; difficult to understand

*To him, hunger was an **abstract** concept; he had never missed a meal.*

accessory

n. additional object; useful but not essential thing; subordinate or supplementary item

*Another **accessory** is a tripod, which is needed to prevent camera shake especially when the shutter speed drops below tenth second at a wide angle shot.*

accommodate

v. do a favor or service for; provide for; supply with; make suitable; adapt; allow for

*As for the stage in the public auditorium, it can easily be adjusted to **accommodate** from a full-scale musical production to one by a solo vocalist.*

accompany

v. travel with; be associated with

*But the night being wet and inclement, Mr. Rochester did not **accompany** them.*

accountable

a. liable to being called to account; answerable; responsible; something that can be explained

*He made each store **accountable**, sold 100 unproductive shops and made another 70 smaller.*

achieve

v. gain with effort; accomplish; fulfill

*Water, energy, health, agriculture, and biodiversity, require the world's scientific community to come up with the means to **achieve** sustainable development.*

acquire

v. gain through experience or effort; gain possession of; locate with tracking system

*As Norman Mailer once said to me, "One of the hardest things to **acquire** is a persona, and you've got one."*

acquisition

n. act of contracting or assuming or acquiring possession of something

*It has received an unsolicited, 15 dollar a share **acquisition** proposal from partners.*

activate

v. make active or more active; stimulate; make radioactive

*The carriers say they want to encrypt and store the credentials in the phone's SIM card, the small chips to **activate** access to mobile networks.*

acute

a. quickly perceptive; keen; having a sharp point or tip; extremely sharp or severe

*Her early writing was grounded in **acute** observation of the natural world.*

adapt

v. make fit for; change to suit a new purpose

*One way to **adapt** is to become smaller, generation by generation.*

addict

v. cause someone to become dependent; indulge in; be devoted to

*In this country, for instance, if you carry a clean needle the police are likely to arrest you for being a drug **addict**; a woman carrying a condom will be arrested as a prostitute, all of which just encourages the spread of the disease.*

adequate

a. sufficient; enough to meet a purpose

*England missed key players through injury, lacked **adequate** preparation and was unable to match Australia's skill.*

administer

v. govern; supervise; give or apply medications

*It's led to major disagreement about how best to **administer** development funds among some government departments.*

admission

n. act or practice of admitting; power or permission to enter

*He gained **admission** into this university.*

advertise

v. give notice to; inform or apprise; make known; give public notice of

*We decided to **advertise** our new product.*

advocate

v. speak, plead, or argue in favour of; plead for; push for something

*The some doctors **advocate** a smoking ban in the entire house.*

agony

n. extreme pain of mind or body; anguish; last struggle of life; death struggle

*"Oh, PLEASE mind what you're doing!" cried Alice, jumping up and down in an **agony** of terror.*

alienate

v. cause to become unfriendly or hostile; transfer property or ownership; isolate or dissociate emotionally

*We could not see what should again **alienate** us from one another, or how one brother could again oppress another.*

allegiance

n. loyalty to a nation, sovereign, or cause; fidelity to any person or thing; devotion

*They didn't want to salute the flag, saying that kind of **allegiance** is only for God.*

allowance

n. approval; act of allowing, granting, or admitting

*I volunteer for every shift available, the **allowance** is better than nothing.*

alongside

ad. along or by the side; side by side with

*When his lease went up for renewal in December, I summoned all my courage to sign my name **alongside** his on the new one.*

alter

v. modify; cause to change; make different; convert

*In public neither Mr. Blair's visit nor the regional summit in Nepal has done anything to **alter** India's position on dialogue with Pakistan.*

alternate

a. happening or following in turns; succeeding each other continuously; substitute

*Businesses can also use this opportunity to invest in **alternate**, perhaps more efficient, energy sources - which will help our economy in the long-run.*

altitude

n. elevation especially above sea level; height

*The high desert plains are beautiful and have a more temperate climate, but for some people, the **altitude** is a health problem.*

amateur

a. nonprofessional; lacking the skill of a professional, as in an art

*Previous flotation by Internet-related firms generated huge demand from **amateur** investors wanting to put their money into Hong Kong's stock market.*

amaze

v. astonish; affect with wonder

*Archaeologists **amaze** that such a fragile ancient document could have survived for so long and that it was then discovered as it could so easily have been overlooked or destroyed.*

ambitious

a. aspiring; having a strong desire for success or achievement

*After news of Rupert Murdoch's **ambitious** move, the company's share value rose rapidly, opening at 37 dollars and 12 cents and going up to 57 dollars and 28 cents before trading was halted by the New York Stock Exchange.*

amends

n. compensation for a loss or injury; recompense; reparation

*I want to make **amends** to my friend for breaking her precious vase.*

ammunition

n. military stores or provisions; articles used in weapons, as powder, balls, shot, shells

*I will carry these two rifles myself; the **ammunition** is all there except that bag in the corner.*

ample

a. more than enough in size or scope or capacity; fairly large

*They insist that food are being provided to the Palestinians in **ample** supplies, and that the only way to weaken Hamas is to maintain the blockade.*

amuse

v. occupy in an agreeable, pleasing, or entertaining fashion; cause laughter or be funny; delude or deceive

*I've been using this anecdote to **amuse** my civilian friends for years!*

analogy

n. similarity in some respects; comparison based on similarity

*This **analogy** is almost always noted without further comment, although in fact it may be taken further.*

anchor

v. secure or fasten firmly; be fixed in place; narrate or

coordinate

*We set the post in concrete to **anchor** it in place.*

annoy

v. disturb, especially by minor irritations; irritate

*"Sit up!" said she; "don't **annoy** me with holding the clothes fast."*

anthem

n. song of praise or patriotism; song of devotion or loyalty

*Let us now all join in singing the national **anthem**.*

List 2

anthropology

n. social science that studies origins and social relationships of human beings

*The strength of **anthropology** is its diversity of approach and perspective, unified by a common theme: the study of human variation and adaptability.*

antibiotic

a. of or relating to chemical substance that kills microorganisms and cures infections

*Patients must take high-powered **antibiotic** or even extensive chemotherapy for up to two years.*

anticipate

v. act in advance of; deal with ahead of time; predict

*Nature seemed to me benign and good; I thought she loved me, outcast as I was; and I, who from man could **anticipate** only mistrust, rejection, insult, clung to her with filial fondness.*

anticipation

n. something expected; pleasurable expectation; wishing with confidence

*Please hold your breath in **anticipation** of that event.*

apparent

a. capable of being seen, or easily seen; open to view; visible to eye

*It is **apparent** to all that he was guilty; do you think anyone still trusts him*

now?

appendix

n. something appended or added

*The details are clearly set out in an **appendix**.*

applaud

v. acclaim; express approval, especially by clapping the hands

*Audiences are usually expected to **applaud** after a performance.*

aptitude

n. inherent ability; quickness in learning and understanding

*The counselor gave him an **aptitude** test before advising him about the career he should follow.*

aquarium

n. tank or pool or bowl filled with water for keeping live fish and underwater animals

*This is the world's largest **aquarium** with 8 million gallons of fresh and marine water and more than 100000 animals representing 500 species from around the globe.*

arc

n. continuous portion of a circle; something curved in shape

*Why are rainbows in an **arc** shape?*

arch

n. any part of a curved line

*She pointed to a wide **arch** corresponding to the window, and hung like it with a Syrian-dyed curtain, now looped up.*

architect

n. one who designs and supervises the construction of buildings or other large structures

*Simon Conder, a British **architect**, is responsible for this beautiful conversion of a group of farm.*

archives

n. public records; place where public records are kept

*These documents should be part of the **archives** so that historians may be able to evaluate them in the future.*

arena

n. playing field where sports events take place; large structure for open-air sports or entertainments

*For your convenience, **arena** locations have been divided into two categories; East and West.*

arise

v. come up from a lower to a higher position; come above the horizon; spring up; come into action

*The problem may not **arise**, but there's no harm in keeping our powder dry.*

articulate

a. expressing oneself easily in clear and effective language

*Her **articulate** presentation of the advertising campaign impressed her employers.*

artificial

a. made by humans; produced rather than natural.

*Researchers have found that kangaroos often become accustomed to these **artificial** sounds and took little notice of them.*

artillery

n. large weapons, such as cannon and missile launchers operated by crews; branch of army in use of large weapons

*Our rocket **artillery** is simply a mass of rounds pointed at the general area of the enemy.*

aspect

n. distinct feature or element in a problem; a way in which something can be viewed by the mind

*And I guess as his coming back, the education **aspect** is more on display than the others.*

assassination

n. act of assassinating; killing by treacherous violence; murder of public figure by surprise attack

*The **assassination** is a terrible, terrible, unspeakable loss for his family and friends.*

assemble

v. put together; bring or call together into a group or whole

*Washington announced its decision to dissolve the core group of nations, the US, India, Japan and Australia, it would **assemble** to deliver aid.*

assess

v. estimate value; judge worth of something

They say that they lack both the money and the resources to deploy

officials across the country to **assess** the safety of each and every ferry.

asset

n. properties; advantage; useful or valuable quality

*Hilary Rosen, of the Recording Industry Association of America: American intellectual property is our nation's greatest trade **asset**.*

assign

v. appoint; allot; make over; point out authoritatively or exactly

*Never underrate the difficulties which your pupils will have to encounter, or try to persuade them that what you **assign** is easy.*

assumption

n. something taken for accepted as true without proof; taking over or taking possession of

*The young princess made the foolish **assumption** that the regent would not object to power.*

assurance

n. promise or pledge; certainty; self-confidence; freedom from doubt

*Even in BP CEO Tony Hayward's new television commercial his **assurance** is an ambiguous.*

astronomy

n. branch of physics that studies celestial bodies and universe as a whole

*The brightened comet in the constellation Virgo may even be visible to the naked eye, allowing members of the public around the world to join in this historic moment in **astronomy**.*

asylum

n. place of refuge or shelter; protection

*The refugees sought **asylum** from religious persecution in a new land.*

athlete

n. sports man; one who contended for prize in public games

*Our goal is to help the **athlete** get the best performance.*

atlas

n. a bound volume of maps, charts, or tables

*Embarrassed at being unable to distinguish Slovenia from Slovakia, George W. finally consulted an **atlas**.*

attach

v. fasten; annex; be in contact with

*The anti-nuclear campaigners used concrete blocks and chains to **attach** themselves to the rails.*

attendance

n. act of being present

*In some countries, taking lots of days off work sick would get you fired and the idea of offering prizes for good **attendance** would be little more than a joke.*

attendant

n. aide; servant; accompanying; person who participates in a meeting

*The FBI has published an affidavit which describes how a flight **attendant** first smelled smoke from a match.*

audit

n. examination of accounts; adjustment or correction of accounts

*When the bank examiners arrived to hold their annual **audit**, they discovered the embezzlements of the chief cashier.*

auditorium

n. area of theater or concert hall where audience sits

*A seat in the stalls or in one of the elaborate boxes surrounding the horseshoe-shaped **auditorium** now costs nearly 700 pounds.*

authentic

a. not counterfeit or copied; valid; trustworthy

*It is **authentic**, genuine, and a true and correct copy of the original.*

author

n. beginner, former, or first mover of anything; creator;

originator; one who composes or writes book or composer

*The mayor of the village, in delivering the prize to the **author** of it, made a warm speech.*

authorize

v. empower; give permission for; sanction

*President Bush and House Leaders agreed on a resolution to **authorize** force against Iraq.*

automatic

a. mechanized; operating with minimal human intervention; independent of external control

*There were several bursts of **automatic** fire.*

automobile

n. self-propelled vehicle suitable for use on street or roadway

*There will be an exhibition of the development of **automobile** industry in our country next week.*

List 3

avalanche

n. great mass of falling snow and ice

*The park ranger warned the skiers to stay on the main trails, where they would be in no danger of being buried beneath a sudden **avalanche**.*

backward

a. directed to the back or rear; unwilling; averse; reluctant; hesitating; undeveloped

*Although he is clever, he is **backward** in giving his views.*

ballot

n. printed or written ticket used in voting; act of voting; whole number of votes cast at an election

*The new election of union shall be by secret **ballot** of members.*

ban

n. official prohibition; decree that prohibits something

*Opponents say the **ban** will prompt smokers to eat in nearby Los Angeles, which still allows people to light up if they're outdoors.*

bandage

n. strip of woven material, used in dressing and binding up wounds

*He put down his pail, took the white alley, and bent over the toe with absorbing interest while the **bandage** was being unwound.*

banish

v. drive out; drive away; compel to depart; dispel
*The king decided to **banish** him from the realm immediately.*

bankrupt

a. penniless, without any money; financially ruined
*But opposition leaders say he's morally **bankrupt** and must now step down.*

banquet

n. feast; entertainment of eating and drinking
*The president gave the Prince and his attendants a farewell **banquet**.*

bark

n. sound made by a dog; harsh sound uttered by a dog
*She set off at once, and ran till she was quite tired and out of breath, and till the puppy's **bark** sounded quite faint in the distance.*

barren

a. desolate; fruitless and unproductive; lacking
*Looking out at the trackless, **barren** desert, Indiana Jones feared that his search for the missing expedition would prove fruitless.*

barrier

n. obstacle; structure built to bar passage; boundary or limit
*Study says police must undo community distrust, which it calls a **barrier** to outreach.*

batch

n. quantity of bread baked at one time; a collection of things or

persons to be handled together

*But the last of this **batch** is the most important and the best of the whole.*

bathe

v. wash by immersion, as in a bath; subject to bath; lave; immerse or cover one's self

*This river is dangerous to **bathe** in, especially at summer.*

batter

v. beat with successive blows; beat repeatedly and with violence

*In such a dark room, we can only hear someone **batter** at the door.*

beforehand

ad. in state of anticipation; in advance; by way of preparation

*Anybody here could buy these books **beforehand** if they want.*

beverage

n. liquids for drinking, usually excluding water; refreshment

*How fragrant was the steam of the **beverage**, and the scent of the toast!*

bias

n. preference or inclination, especially one that inhibits impartial judgment; influence in unfair way

*Now that I can daily watch their news reports on Star Choice, I can tell you that the **bias** is as deep there as anywhere.*

bind

v. tie, or confine with a cord, band, or chain; make fast; contract; cohere or stick together

*The day is already commenced which is to **bind** us indissolubly; and when we are once united, there shall be no recurrence of mental terrors: I guarantee that.*

biography

n. an account of the series of events making up a person's life; accounts of people's life

*The usual custom in **biography** is to begin with the brightest side and to leave the faults to be discovered afterwards.*

blaze

n. brilliant burst of fire; destructive fire; flame

*The **blaze**, which is not yet under control, has destroyed five thousand hectares of pine woodland and forced hundreds of villagers to leave their homes.*

bleach

v. make white or colorless; blanch

*If I recall correctly from his book, what Obama talked about was some picture of a black man who was disfigured from trying to **bleach** his skin.*

bleak

a. cold or cheerless; unlikely to be favorable

*The frigid, inhospitable Aleutian Islands are **bleak** military outposts.*

blend

n. combination; mixture; forming uniform mixture

*This unique herbal tea **blend** is a safe, all-natural designed to gently cleanse the digestive tract and detoxify the body.*

blink

v. shut eyes briefly; wink

*The TV announcer never seems to **blink**.*

bloom

n. flower; blossom; best time of youth; period of greatest prosperity or productivity

*I know how soon youth would fade and **bloom** perish.*

blossom

n. reproductive organ of plants, especially one having showy or colorful parts

*The locust-trees were in bloom and the fragrance of the **blossom** filled the air.*

blunt

a. having a dull edge or end; not sharp; lacking in feeling; insensitive

*Public employee unions are demanding in **blunt** terms that Democrats make the tax code more progressive.*

blur

n. something that is hazy and indistinct to the sight or mind; dim, confused appearance; moral stain or blot

*The **blur** is a visible condensation cloud that often occurs close to the speed of the sound barrier.*

blush

v. become rosy or reddish; turn red, as if in embarrassment or shame

We all saw the girl **blush** when a young man whistled as she walked by.

boil

v. be agitated; pass from a liquid to vapor when heated; be excited with passion; heat in water

*I will teach the boy how to **boil** water.*

boost

v. raise; advance; push or shove upward

*It shows political parties could **boost** their share of the vote considerably.*

bounty

n. goodness, kindness; virtue; liberality in giving

*The story of Sir Fred Goodwin and his retirement **bounty** is exactly why the Banking system in this country cannot carry on as at present.*

bouquet

n. small cluster or arrangement of flowers; an arrangement of flowers that is usually given as a present

*They are usually created with flowers that have definite form and add character to a **bouquet**.*

bowel

n. a part or division of intestine; interior of something; any internal organ of the body, as the stomach, liver, brain

*Sometimes, a part of the liver or **bowel** is on top of the stomach.*

brace

n. something which holds anything tightly or supports it firmly,

as bandage, cord, or rod;

*After the **brace** is on, the strap is tightened to pull the foot into a better position.*

brake

n. a piece of mechanism for retarding or stopping motion by friction

*A lot of cost of maintenance goes into renew **brake** of my old car.*

breach

n. breaking of contract or duty

*Jill sued Jack for **breach** of promise, claiming he had broken his promise to marry her.*

breakthrough

n. act of overcoming or penetrating an obstacle or restriction

*The president announces what he calls a **breakthrough** in Copenhagen on the climate change summit.*

breed

v. raise; produce offspring; give birth to or hatch; mate

*In a fast neutron reactor, this process is optimized so that it can **breed** fuel, often using a depleted uranium blanket around the core.*

brew

v. boil or seethe; cook; be in a state of preparation; be mixing, forming, or gathering

*The tea is going to **brew** and will be served soon.*

List 4

brink

n. edge, margin, or border of a steep place verge

*Beyond the verge of provocation I never ventured; on the extreme **brink** I liked well to try my skill.*

brochure

n. pamphlet; small book usually having paper cover

*This **brochure** on farming was issued by the Department of Agriculture.*

bronze

n. an alloy of copper and tin and sometimes other elements

*It provides a retail directory of **bronze** fine art galleries and manufactured items.*

brood

v. think long and anxiously; be in a state of gloomy, serious thought

*It's no use to **brood** over one's past mistakes.*

brood

n. young birds hatched at one time; young children of same mother, especially if nearly of same age

*Only this insects produce one **brood** a year, whereas others produce seven or eight ones a year in our research.*

bruise

v. injure, as by a blow or collision; contuse; fight with the fists

*She fell, but did not **bruise** her knee in such a soft land.*

buckle

v. fold or collapse; bend out of shape, as under pressure or from heat

*Then, to make sure the edges didn't **buckle** from the glue, I laid wax paper over it and put a weight on it.*

buffet

n. table with food set out for people to serve themselves; meal at which people help themselves to food that's been set out

*Please convey them on the tray to the **buffet**.*

bulb

n. rounded part of a cylindrical structure; electric lamp consisting of a glass ball

*The light **bulb** hasn't changed a whole lot in its 120 years -- the original design was just that good.*

bulk

n. majority; main part; volume; mass

*Canada's largest **bulk** food retailer, it has more than 112 stores.*

bulletin

n. brief statement of facts; any public notice or announcement; a periodical publication

*Here is a letter adapted from DEAR ABBY, Philadelphia **bulletin**, March 9, 1973.*

bumper

n. something as bars at edges to absorb shock and prevent serious damage

*He insisted on changing front **bumper** of the vehicle after accident.*

bundle

n. packet; a package of things tied together; a large sum of money

*She made a **bundle** selling real estate.*

burial

n. grave or tomb; ritual placing of a corpse in a grave; concealing something under the ground

*According to the marine biologist, the Miami Circle dolphin **burial** is the first to be found outside the Pacific Northwest.*

butcher

n. one whose job is to kill animals for food; one who kills in large numbers, or with unusual cruelty; vendor, especially on train or in theater

*Milosevic, a very controversial figure, a man often called the **butcher** of the Balkans by his critics, was found dead at his cell in a U.N. detention center.*

butterfly

n. insect typically having a slender body with broad colorful wings

*The diverse patterns formed by their brightly colored wings have made **butterfly** watching a fairly popular hobby.*

bypass

n. channel used to conduct gas or liquid around another pipe or a fixture; conductor having low resistance in parallel

*Heart surgeons use PRP to strengthen tissues in **bypass** operations, and some plastic surgeons and dermatologists use it as an alternative to facial fillers.*

canal

n. artificial channel filled with water; tube or duct

*Many oceangoing ships are sailing on the **canal**, which is a shortcut to save time and money.*

cane

n. any plant with long, hard, elastic stems; walking stick

*The man was so weak that he had to walk with a **cane**.*

cannon

n. great gun; firearm for discharging heavy shot with great force; loop at the top of a bell by which it is hung

*Am i the only one to notice where the **cannon** is aiming?*

canvas

n. heavy closely woven fabric; background against which events unfold, as in a historical narrative

*My **canvas** is my life, and I give you the colors and brushes of me.*

capsule

n. small container; pill in form of small rounded gelatinous; shortened version of a written work

Dan and Jordan must ride the Singapore Flyer observation wheel until

their **capsule** is at the very top, which is 541 feet.

captive

n. prisoner taken by force; one kept in power of another; one charmed or subdued by beauty, excellence, or affection

*This has been seen in **captive** situations where tens of thousands of dolphins have been encircled by nets.*

cardinal

a. chief; serving as an essential component

*If you want to increase your word power, the **cardinal** rule of vocabulary-building is to read.*

carpenter

n. skilled worker who makes, finishes, and repairs wooden objects and structures

*Isaac, a 26-year-old **carpenter**, is working there again, now for the third time, but he knows how unstable his employment is.*

carrier

n. one that carries or conveys; messenger

*He used to be a mail **carrier** for many years; now he is trying his second job: taxi driver.*

carton

n. pasteboard for paper boxes; pasteboard box

*The kids drink up a whole big **carton** of juice after play in the hot sun.*

cartoon

n. design or study drawn of full size to serve as a model for transferring or copying; drawing depicting a humorous situation
*I always feel like I'm cheating a little when I look for the title, because I can't quite figure out what the **cartoon** is about.*

carve

v. cut; sculpt

*I realize the Senate schedule will be very busy this year, but I hope that I may work with you to **carve** out just a small amount of time to consider this important issue.*

cashier

n. one who has charge of money; cash keeper

*The checks must be signed in front of the **cashier** at the bank.*

cassette

n. container that holds a magnetic tape used for recording or playing sound or video

*It ' s time to unwind and rewind with this low-tech **cassette** tote bag.*

casualty

n. serious or fatal accident; someone injured or killed in an accident

*On holiday weekends this city usually has at least one automotive **casualty**.*

catalogue

n. list or enumeration of names; articles arranged methodically, often in alphabetical order

*You can look for the book in the library **catalogue**.*

catastrophe

n. calamity; disaster; state of extreme ruin and misfortune

*The 1906 San Francisco earthquake was a **catastrophe** that destroyed most of the city.*

category

n. group; class; collection of things sharing a common attribute

*Remember, all cars are priced, booked and controlled by car **category**, not by car maker or model.*

cater

v. supply what is needed or desired; provide food professionally for special occasion

*The chef was happy to **cater** to the tastes of his highly sophisticated clientele.*

caution

n. care; being attentive to possible danger

*He tried with **caution** once or twice, as he went; then jumped to the roof of the woodshed and thence to the ground.*

cautious

a. conservative; careful

*The trials are an emotive issue in Britain and the government has issued a **cautious** response, saying it will take further advice before making policy.*

cavity

n. hole; cavern; hollow area within the body

*What is a **cavity** in a tooth? Why do they drill it?*

cease

v. stop; terminate; put an end to; discontinue

*We must not only **cease** from the acts of sin, but we must get the vicious habits and inclinations weakened and destroyed.*

List 5

cement

n. any substances used for making bodies adhere to each other; bond of union; concrete pavement

*But over time, this ultra-thin **cement** paste on the top surface of the brick wears off, exposing the true color of the sand and gravel.*

census

n. official examination of the details of a country's population

*There's been no **census** since the war began, but it's clear a huge proportion of Sri Lankan Tamils have been uprooted from their homes by this conflict.*

certainty

n. quality or condition of being certain; fact or truth unquestionable established; clearness

*Mentally, I still possessed my soul, and with it the **certainty** of ultimate safety.*

chant

v. utter with a melodious voice; celebrate in song; make melody with the voice

*They began to **chant** the hero's deeds after his speech.*

charter

v. license; authorize; hold under a lease or rental agreement of goods and services

*As a result we decide to **charter** the school to use bigger writing for the French version.*

checkup

n. thorough physical examination

*Answer the following questions and we'll provide you with a personalized **checkup** checklist that you can take to your doctor.*

cheque

n. written order directing a bank to pay money

*They forged their manager's signature on the **cheque** to steal money from bank.*

chic

n. good form; style; elegance by virtue of being fashionable

*Of course, most regular folks aren't greeted by name stand in front of this **chic** Beverly Hills beauty salon.*

chord

n. combination of three or more notes that blend harmoniously when sounded together

*His views, and those of many of his counterparts in other European countries, may be unpalatable to the liberal political mainstream, but they clearly struck a **chord** among a portion of the population which is increasingly unsettled by the growing number of immigrants to Europe.*

chorus

n. any utterance produced simultaneously by a group

*'But who is to give the prizes?' quite a **chorus** of voices asked.*

chronic

a. lasting for long period; marked by frequent recurrence, as

certain diseases

*The doctors were finally able to attribute his **chronic** headaches to traces of formaldehyde gas in his apartment.*

chunk

n. a thick mass or piece, amount

*Mary, get me a silk thread, and a **chunk** of fire out of the kitchen.*

circumstance

n. situation; condition; detail accompanying or surrounding an event

*Her heart is broken, but then a change in **circumstance** forces them to be together every day.*

civic

a. relating to city or citizen; relating to man as a member of society

*The village hall is given over to **civic** functions and meetings.*

clamp

n. any of various devices used to join, grip, support, or compress mechanical or structural parts

*Her hand darted out, fastening over Lawanda's emaciated wrist like a **clamp**.*

clan

n. faction; tribe; division of a tribe tracing descent from a common ancestor; a large group of relatives

*There was another **clan** of aristocracy around there -five or six families - mostly of the name of Shepherdson.*

clarify

v. make clear and comprehensible; elucidate

*A Japanese delegation has started talks in North Korea to try to **clarify** the fate of at least ten Japanese citizens who were abducted by the communist state.*

clarity

n. clearness of thought or style; brightness; splendor

*With the re-designed screens on the new iPad, the **clarity** is much better than most all papers.*

clash

v. make noise by striking against something; dash noisily together; meet in opposition

*I **clash** the pan down on the stone floor.*

classical

a. standard and authoritative rather than new or experimental; relating to the ancient Greeks and Romans, especially art, architecture, and literature

*The **classical** methods of navigation are still useful in today's application.*

clause

n. sentence; phrase; distinct article, stipulation, or provision in a document

*Congress insisted on an exclusion **clause** for seventeen-year-olds.*

cliche

n. obvious remark; overused expression or idea

*You certainly don't like to be missing some of your main players, but when it happens that old **cliche** is true.*

climax

n. upward movement; steady increase; the highest point; the greatest degree

*My amazement reached its **climax** when Miss Temple asked the final question.*

cling

v. hold fast or adhere to something; stick together and resist separation; remain emotionally

*Boys **cling** to the rope to keep from falling.*

clumsy

a. awkward; showing lack of skill or aptitude

*I did the same thing except with a Bunker Buster, but the shock wave made me stumble and made me look like a **clumsy** loser.*

clutch

v. grasp and hold tightly; attempt to grasp or seize

*"Oh! come, Jane, come!" As he said this, he released me from his hands and did not **clutch** again, only looked at me.*

coalition

n. partnership; league; state of being combined into one body

*The Rainbow **coalition** united people of all races in a common cause.*

collapse

v. breakdown; failure

*The streets of Baghdad are littered with putrefying mounds of rubbish that have been accumulating since the **collapse** of municipal services in March, with the arrival of coalition forces.*

colleague

n. fellow worker; associate; co-worker

*The abduction of the Italians, along with one Iraqi **colleague**, was claimed by several organizations.*

collision

n. crash; conflict of opposed ideas or attitudes or goals

*The **collision** of the particles resulted in an exchange of energy and a change of direction.*

colonial

a. of or relating to or characteristic of or inhabiting a colony

*Britain, the former **colonial** power, said it looked forward to working with the new government.*

colony

n. region politically controlled by a distant country; a dependency; a community of social insects, as ants, bees

*There will also be two large glass cases: one with a **colony** of bees, the other with a group of ants.*

colossal

a. of extraordinary size; huge; gigantic

*Radio City Music Hall has a **colossal** stage.*

combine

v. blend; fuse; merge

*Re-branded as one-army recruitment, the latest drive will, for the first time, **combine** recruiting to both the regular and territorial army.*

comet

n. an object that goes around the sun

*The brightened **comet** in the constellation Virgo may even be visible to the naked eye, allowing members of the public around the world to join in this historic moment in astronomy.*

commence

v. have a beginning or origin; originate; start; begin

*Mrs. Fairfax swallowed her breakfast and hastened away to **commence** operations.*

commentary

n. written explanation or criticism or illustration that is added to a book or other textual material

*There are no hard and fast rules about writing a **commentary**.*

commotion

n. disturbed or violent motion; agitation; public disturbance; riot; excitement

*For the Mouse was swimming away from her as hard as it could go, and making quite a **commotion** in the pool as it went.*

compact

a. closely and firmly united or packed together; briefly giving

gist of something

*His short, **compact** body was better suited to wrestling than to basketball.*

compartment

n. one of parts or spaces into which an area is subdivided;
separate room, section, or chamber

*It also had hints for making snow forts, including "make sure to include an icy **compartment** to store your vodka."*

List 6

compass

v. go about or entirely round; make the circuit of; enclose on all sides; surround

*The sailboats **compass** the island in order to get a place to land.*

compatible

a. harmonious; having similar disposition and tastes

*They were **compatible** neighbors, never quarreling over unimportant matters.*

compensate

v. make amends for; reimburse

*He said improved trade would **compensate** for the jobs lost to competition from India's world beating out-sourcing and computer software industries.*

compensation

n. something given or received as payment as for a service or loss or injury

*There are an estimated 86000 survivors around the world and almost half of them could be eligible for payments from the **compensation** fund.*

complexion

n. state of being complex; complexity; combination; complex

*Both her cast of form and feature, her **complexion** and her general air, suggested the idea of princess; and such was doubtless the character she intended to represent.*

complication

n. complexity; intricacy; any disease or disorder that occurs during the course of another disease

*What is the most common **complication** after laparoscopic surgery?*

component

n. element; ingredient; abstract part of something

*I wish this **component** like all others of my stereo system is working at the same time.*

comprehensive

a. thorough; including all or everything; broad in scope

*Mr. Skubel has since completed what he describes as a **comprehensive** two-week training program and is now setting up his franchise in his hometown.*

conceal

v. keep from being seen, found, observed, or discovered; secrete

*He is the first writer to uncover the life that King tried so hard to **conceal** from the public eye.*

concede

v. admit; yield; give up physical control of another

*Despite all the evidence Monica had assembled, Mark refused to **concede** that she was right.*

conceive

v. form or develop in the mind; devise; become pregnant with; begin or originate in a specific way

*I asked was it a mere nervous impression--a delusion? I could not **conceive** or believe: it was more like an inspiration.*

conception

n. beginning; forming of an idea; act of conceiving

*At the first **conception** of the work, he was consulted.*

concession

n. act of yielding; point yielded; acknowledgment or admission

*Before they could reach an agreement, both sides had to make own **concession**.*

conclude

v. enclose; reach as an end of reasoning; make final determination ; judge or decide; bring to an end

*From his appearance we may safely **conclude** that he is a smoker.*

condemn

v. blame; denounce; express strong disapproval of

*They are more than twice as likely as other Americans to **condemn** gambling as 'always morally wrong.'*

conditioning

n. process of modifying person's behavior; preparation or training, especially athletic training of body

*Her part-time job also involves working with the strength and **conditioning** coaches to help players achieve and maintain optimal body mass.*

confuse

v. cause to be unable to think with clarity or act with

intelligence or understanding; mix up

*Mixed messages from the Iraqis have only served to **confuse** matters further and may have prompted an internal debate in Washington.*

conjunction

n. state of being conjoined, united, or associated; union; association; league

*The **conjunction** of workmanship and artistry in making jewelry decides the value of the jewelry.*

conquer

v. gain or acquire by force; take possession of by violent means; gain dominion over

*She will **conquer** her fear and cross the shaking bridge by herself.*

conquest

n. success in mastering something difficult; one that has been captivated or overcome

*The pianist made a **conquest** of every audience on the tour.*

consensus

n. general agreement or accord; opinion reached by a group as a whole

*The main **consensus** from the group was to center on students and their parents.*

consent

v. agree in opinion or sentiment; be of the same mind; accord; concur; allow

*They can still make speeches and advise and **consent**, however, they won't*

have any real power.

conservative

a. favoring traditional views and values; tending to oppose change

*It's still far from clear whether he can persuade his more **conservative** colleagues in the regime to support the process.*

considerable

a. worthy of consideration; large in amount, extent, or degree

*The Tigers are insisting on an interim administration for the north east of the island, giving them **considerable** powers.*

considerate

a. thoughtful; marked by consideration or reflection; deliberate

*I thanked her for her **considerate** choice, and as I really felt fatigued with my long journey, expressed my readiness to retire.*

console

v. cheer from distress or depression; alleviate grief and raise spirits of; relieve; comfort

*With him I was at perfect ease, because I knew I suited him; all I said or did seemed either to **console** or revive him.*

consume

v. devour; eat

*It is particularly an issue for those that have made large strides in industrial development, the sector of the economy that tends to **consume** the most energy.*

consumer

n. people who buy goods or services

*Adidas and Reebok are two of the world's best known **consumer** brands, but they're in the shadow of Nike, the giant of the sportswear industry.*

consumption

n. eating or drinking of something

*British officials say the rules are clear: you can only bring in cheap alcohol and tobacco from the European mainland if it's for your own **consumption**.*

contemporary

a. modern; belonging to the same period of time

*The Danes have now taken the top drama award at the Emmys for three out of the past four years with **contemporary** drama set in Denmark.*

context

n. circumstance

*Last week the Italian Prime Minister apologized to parliament in Rome for his alleged remarks about the superiority of western culture over that of Islam, claiming his words had been taken out of **context**.*

contingency

n. condition of being dependent on chance; uncertainty; possibility

*Where once relative health and relative safety were sufficient, we demand absolute health and utter safety against the remotest **contingency**.*

contrast

n. act of distinguishing by comparing differences

*In **contrast**, the Prime Minister's aides are preparing his defense, saying*

that at the time, the entire cabinet backed the move to war, and that he's willing to implement all the committee's recommendations.

contribute

v. provide; bestow a quality on

*In the developed world, many companies provide a fund, which they and their staff **contribute** to, which is then invested in shares, bonds and other assets.*

contribution

n. act of contributing; payment exacted for special purpose; impost or levy

*He has made an important **contribution** to the company's success.*

controversial

a. controvertible; disputable

*In fact one of the main criticisms of Mr. Brown is that throughout the last ten years he's been particularly adept at avoiding association with some of Mr. Blair's more **controversial** decisions.*

controversy

n. contentious speech act; argument

*Information minister Jerry Gana released a statement in which he says there has been an international media conspiracy against Nigeria, to highlight the **controversy** surrounding the beauty pageant and fanning the flames of violence.*

convenience

n. state of being suitable

*The popularity of **convenience** foods means that many people no longer eat enough fresh produce.*

convert

n. change something into another form; transform

*However, he suggests that this only be done if the **convert** is also willingly accepted into his position by the community.*

convey

v. carry from one place to another; bear or transport

*The point I tried to **convey** is that users should have a choice - freedom to decide how and where their data resides and is used.*

List 7

coordinate

v. bring order and organization to; harmonize

*The second way of specifying star positions is the equatorial **coordinate** system.*

cordial

a. gracious; showing warm and friendliness

*Our hosts greeted us at the airport with a **cordial** welcome and a hearty hug.*

cork

n. lightweight elastic outer bark, used especially for bottle closures, insulation, floats

*Do you have any tools to draw out the **cork**?*

corps

n. an army unit usually consisting of two or more divisions; a body of people associated together

*In 1944-45 Monsignor Angelo Rotta served in the Vatican diplomatic **corps** in Sofia, Bulgaria.*

corrupt

a. changed from sound to putrid state; spoiled; tainted

*She wrote a book declaiming against our **corrupt** society.*

cosmic

a. pertaining to the universe; vast

Cosmic rays derive their name from the fact that they bombard the earth's atmosphere from outer space.

counterfeit

v. make a copy of, usually with the intent to defraud; forge
*Toad doesn't actually change his ways, but instead simply learns to **counterfeit** socially acceptable virtues in order to be accepted by his society.*

coupon

n. negotiable certificate attached to a bond; interest warrant; detachable certificates that may be torn off as needed
*They are already discounted with deep savings even before the **coupon** is applied.*

courier

n. person who carries a message
*A **courier** boy squeezed his way in the middle bulk of outgoing passengers.*

coverage

n. extent to which something is covered; news as presented by reporters
*When the award was announced there was plenty of ironic and some critical **coverage** from sections of the British press.*

cradle

n. small low bed for an infant, often furnished with rockers; infancy, or very early life
*There was a sweet smell, and this one he could identify: the bag of pine sachet his mother had placed first in his **cradle**, then, later, in his first real bed.*

craft

n. something made by people; vessel

*Space **craft** is a vessel to travel out air.*

creation

n. fact or state of having been created; act of investing with a new office or title

*Job **creation** has become an imperative for the government.*

credential

n. certificate; warrant

*With the right licensing **credential**, customers will look to you to help them make intelligent buying decisions.*

credible

a. capable of being credited or believed; worthy of belief; entitled to confidence; trustworthy

*The UN spokesman says the Stabilization Mission will continue to help the electoral commission achieve a **credible** vote.*

cricket

n. outdoor game played with bats, a ball, and wickets by two teams of 11 players each

*A **cricket** team is comprised of eleven players.*

cripple

n. person or animal that is partially disabled or unable to use a limb or limb

*I have no muscle left in my leg; it's like a true **cripple** leg.*

crisp

a. firm but easily broken or crumbled; brittle

*When the last **crisp** slice of bacon was gone, the boys stretched themselves out on the grass, filled with contentment.*

criteria

n. standard, rule, or test on which a judgment or decision can be based

*This spring, the health department established a set of **criteria** for such clinics, including an offer of primary-care appointments within 24 hours of first contact.*

crooked

a. having or marked by bends or angles; not straight or aligned; curved

*Well, I guess if being **crooked** is good enough for Illinois, it's good enough for the U.S.*

crop

n. the top, end, or highest part of anything, especially of plant or tree; grain or other product of field while standing; anything cut off or gathered

*We have had the biggest wheat **crop** ever this year.*

crude

a. being in an unrefined or natural state; raw; lacking tact or taste; blunt or offensive

*Nigeria is the sixth largest exporter of **crude** oil within OPEC.*

crumb

n. small fragment or piece, especially, a small piece of bread or other food; broken or cut off

*She swept up extremely carefully and no **crumb** was left any more.*

crumble

v. break into small pieces; cause to fall in pieces

*The earthquake made the wall sink and start to **crumble**.*

crust

n. outer layer ; covering; coat; shell

*Bake for 30 to 40 minutes, until the **crust** is a golden color.*

cube

n. three-dimensional shape with six square or rectangular sides; cubicle, used for work or study

*Luckily, my **cube** is in the corner so no one noticed!*

cucumber

n. cylindrical green fruit with thin green rind and white flesh eaten as a vegetable; related to melons

*She heard a little shriek and a fall, and a crash of broken glass, from which she concluded that it was just possible it had fallen into a **cucumber** frame, or something of the sort.*

cunning

a. knowing; skillful; artful; designing; deceitful

*I told him I knew nothing of him myself; I had heard him characterized as a **cunning** man.*

cupboard

n. a small room or cabinet used for storage space

*A few strange, antique portraits of the men and women of other days decorated the stained walls; a **cupboard** with glass doors contained some books and an ancient set of china.*

curl

v. form into coiled or spiral shape; twist into ringlets or coils; move in curve or spiral

*Most touch-screen printers use thermal paper, which produces poor-quality records that tend to **curl** and tear easily.*

currency

n. money; general acceptance or use

*It now ranks along with oil and tourism as Mexico's biggest foreign **currency** earner.*

curve

v. bend or turn gradually from a given direction, as road curves to the right

*Because the edges of the tube **curve** away from the film, the x-rays get scattered about, causing distortion.*

cushion

n. soft pillow or pad usually used for sitting, reclining, or kneeling

*I knelt down by him; I turned his face from the **cushion** to me; I kissed his cheek; I smoothed his hair with my hand.*

custom

n. tradition; practice followed by people of a particular group or region

*John had a book in his hand - it was his unsocial **custom** to read at meals - he closed it, and looked up.*

customary

a. agreeing with or established by common usage; conventional; habitual

*The Secretary of the Interior is authorized and directed to maintain **customary** working conditions in the mines.*

cylinder

n. cylindrical container

*He picked up and inspected a large semi **cylinder** of the thin white bark of a sycamore.*

dairy

n. place where milk is produced, kept, or converted into butter or cheese

*Milk, butter and cheese are brought in here from **dairy** farms.*

dam

n. barrier to prevent the flow of liquid, especially built across a water course

*The **dam** was not strong enough to hold back the flood waters.*

damp

a. humid; moist; slightly wet

The report says some masters house their workers in bad conditions -

*cramped, **damp** dormitory blocks with poor sanitation.*

dart

v. move suddenly and rapidly

*Your eyes take them in, then **dart** away to something else.*

List 8

dash

v. throw with violence or haste; break, as by throwing or by collision; form or sketch rapidly

*In my fury, I **dash** all the dishes to the floor.*

database

n. collection of data arranged for ease and speed of search and retrieval

*The heart of the **database** is the national list of voters produced each year by Elections Canada.*

dazzle

v. overpower with light; confuse the sight of by brilliance of light; bewilder or surprise with brilliancy

*His eyes **dazzle** before the strong light.*

debris

n. remains of something that has been destroyed or broken up

*A full year after the earthquake in Mexico City, they were still carting away the **debris**.*

decade

n. a group of ten, especially a period of ten years

*This **decade** is the time to fully embrace diversity and demonstrate equal rights to all Americans in this country.*

decay

v. decompose; break sown; disintegration; rottenness; decline; worsen; decadence

*Hazards like human waste, meanwhile, will simply **decay** in the soil.*

deceive

v. fool; cause to believe what is not true; mislead

*"Yet," said she, "I am afraid it is a mistake: my thoughts **deceive** me."*

decipher

v. convert code into ordinary language; read with difficulty

*Lacking his code book, the spy was unable to **decipher** the scrambled message sent to him from the KGB.*

declaration

n. announcement; explicit statement; formal public statement

*The Clinton team made their **declaration** early, ahead of the legal deadline and ahead of their main rival, Senator Barack Obama.*

decline

n. change toward something smaller or lower ; gradual falling off from a better state

*Dustan has a record of switching sides when convenient, and there are many Taliban supporters who would do likewise if the fortunes of the puritan militia are on the **decline**.*

decorate

v. adorn; embellish

*They've also agreed to **decorate** their shop windows with slightly bigger manikins.*

decree

n. order from one having authority; decision, order, or sentence by court

*The **decree** is signed establishing the School for Primary School Teachers, which later becomes the National Teachers.*

dedicate

v. set apart for a deity or for special purposes; devote; consecrate

*She decided to **dedicate** her first book to her husband.*

defect

v. abandon or turn against; cease or change one's loyalty

*Pakistani terrorists regularly **defect** to another terrorist group with a totally different political platform.*

defence

n. act of defending against attack, danger, or injury

*The country needs fresh directions and crisp action plans on intractable issues like climate change, energy, security, and **defence**.*

deficiency

n. scarcity; lack or shortage, especially of something essential to health

*It has been demonstrated that a blood protein **deficiency** is the cause of this inherited illness.*

deficit

n. inadequacy or insufficiency; sum of money falls short of required amount; shortage

The **deficit** in trade of all types of goods showed an unexpectedly large increase in the final month of last year.

definitive

a. final; complete; precisely defined or explicit

*And finally, the utility of the skeleton would be mostly likely to aid in **definitive** identification.*

defy

v. refuse to submit to or cooperate with; be unaffected by; resist or withstand

*I dropped the Ann from my name to **defy** my mother, who had insisted I be called by the refined name of Carole Ann, not plain old Carole.*

degenerate

v. become worse; decline; fall

*Not to appear to disgrace his family, to **degenerate** from the popular qualities, or lose the influence.*

delete

v. erase; strike out; remove or make invisible

*Less is more: if you **delete** this paragraph, your whole essay will have greater appeal.*

deliberate

v. consider; think about carefully; weigh

*Offered the new job, she asked for time to **deliberate** before she told them her decision,.*

democracy

n. a political system in which the supreme power lies in a body of citizens who can elect people to represent them

*In the end, the Southern Africa supporters of the Zimbabwe government under-estimated the opposition across the Commonwealth, including that of some other African states, to letting Zimbabwe back without progress on **democracy** and human rights.*

demonstrate

v. show clearly and deliberately; manifest; confirm; prove

*After a series of drug scandals, this was Major League Baseball's chance to **demonstrate** its determination to crack down on the cheats.*

dense

a. thick; crowded closely together; compact

*It's mountainous country, just a few kilometers from the border with Serbia; **dense** woodland surrounds the site.*

depart

v. take off; leave; set out

*I too have some to see and ask after in England, before I **depart** for ever.*

deprive

v. deny; take away

*But another conservative paper said it was tantamount to a declaration of war to **deprive** a country of its right to nuclear technology.*

descent

n. ancestry; origin; the descendants of one individual; drop; fall; a movement downward

When the 16th century construction was destroyed by Bosnian Croat forces in November 1993, it seemed to symbolize the complete

*disintegration in relations between Bosnia's Muslims, Croats and Serbs and the country's **descent** into all-out war.*

desirable

a. worthwhile; worth doing or achieving; advisable

*A number of other factors coincide to make a June election **desirable** for the government.*

despair

n. loss of hope; utter hopelessness; complete despondency

*Alice had no idea what to do, and in **despair** she put her hand in her pocket, and pulled out a box of comfits.*

destination

n. ultimate goal; place to which one is going or directed

*It's an ageing coaster and reportedly in poor condition, but even so, it should have got back to Benin - its declared **destination** - by now.*

detect

v. feel; discover the presence of; identify

*They won't **detect** prescription drugs or medication such as cold or flu tablets.*

detergent

n. cleansing agent; substance that acts similarly to soap

*You should try this new **detergent** to replace soap.*

determination

n. act of making or arriving at a decision; putting an end to; termination

*My only problem with this **determination** is the lack of certainty about the date of the questioned photo.*

detest

v. dislike intensely; feel antipathy or aversion towards

*I know you always **detest** politicians.*

devastating

a. destructive; highly critical; causing or capable of causing complete destruction

*Five to ten rhinos are killed every year on average, mostly during Assam's **devastating** floods because they have to flee Kaziranga's low marshy lands to higher hills where they cannot be guarded.*

devote

v. dedicate; contribute

*Those who trade them hunt out the fiercest insects and **devote** many hours to training them.*

dictate

v. prescribe; rule as a dictator

*I guess we should just let McEachin **dictate** the dialogue for us.*

differ

v. be or stand apart; disagree; be unlike; be distinguished

*Although our looks **differ**, we are both attractive.*

digest

v. break down; make more concise; convert food into

absorbable substances

*I cannot **digest** all this information.*

List 9

digital

a. of or performance to fingers, or to digits; done with the fingers

*These two types of semiconductor products work together in **digital** electronic devices such as cellular phones.*

dilemma

n. predicament; state of uncertainty or between equally unfavorable options

*It could create a painful **dilemma** for the group's members: either accept a lower price or give up additional production quotas they have just given themselves.*

dim

a. emitting only a small amount of light; lacking in brightness

*Night vision declines as well; therefore, trying to read labels in **dim** lighting may lead to errors.*

dine

v. eat principal regular meal of the day; take dinner; give a dinner to

*In the afternoon, gentlemen from the neighborhood usually visited, and sometimes stayed to **dine** with him.*

diploma

n. document certifying the successful completion of a course of study

*A **diploma** is a certificate or deed issued by an educational institution,*

such as a university.

diplomatic

a. relating to diplomacy; marked by tact and sensitivity in dealing with others

*Well, the secretary of state's trip to Canada is putting a brand new spin on the term **diplomatic** relations.*

disable

v. deprive of capability or effectiveness; unable; impair; diminish

*Concerning over the Pentagon's ability to **disable** the free system at any time is drawing other countries into the GPS game.*

disc

n. flat round plate; circular structure either in plants or animals

*You can't copy your file with this **disc**; it's full.*

discharge

v. relieve of a burden or of contents; unload; pour forth or release; complete or carry out; give off

*There is a local warm water to **discharge** from a power plant.*

discreet

a. free from ostentation or pretension; distinct; distinguishable

*Some areas for the ladies to consider: hair cut, color, makeup, shoes, purses, clothing, jewelry and certain **discreet** cultural factors.*

disgust

n. strong feelings of dislike; offend the taste or moral sense of
“I was surprised,” said Stillman, who yelled in **disgust** *from the penalty box*.

dismiss

v. stop considering; end employment or service of; discharge;
refuse to accept or recognize

*Believing in John's love for her, she can **dismiss** the notion that he might be unfaithful.*

dispatch

n. act of sending off something; property of being prompt and
efficient; message usually sent in haste

*He sent a **dispatch** to headquarters informing his commander of the great victory.*

dispose

v. get rid of; settle or decide a matter; place or set in a particular
order; arrange

*Do not use them to **dispose** of household trash.*

disposition

n. natural or acquired habit with tendency; act or means of
getting rid of something

*I was endeavoring in good earnest to acquire a more sociable and
childlike **disposition**.*

dispute

n. argument; angry altercation; quarrel; verbal controversy;
debate

*Both the local workers' union and some of the foreign workers trapped aboard the rig have accused the management of Transocean of heavy handedness in its approach to resolving this **dispute**.*

disregard

v. ignore; discount; take no notice of

*Another, who had sat on the search committee, said they might **disregard** their artistic expertise.*

disrupt

v. upset; throw into confusion or disorder

*There's been some suggestion the cyclone could **disrupt** oil tanker traffic in the Strait of Hormuz, the narrow waterway between the Arabian Peninsula and Iran.*

dissertation

n. formal essay; paper written by candidate for doctoral degree at university

*In order to earn a graduate degree from many of our universities, a candidate is frequently required to prepare a **dissertation** on some scholarly subject.*

dissolve

v. melt; liquefy; cause to pass into solution; cause to disappear or vanish

*Washington announced its decision to **dissolve** the core group of nations - the US, India, Japan and Australia - it had assembled to deliver aid.*

distinct

a. definite; separate; different

The UN has always been at pains to say that its role in occupied Iraq is

distinct from that of the US-led forces, and many ordinary Iraqis appreciated that the primary UN role was humanitarian.

distinction

n. excellence or eminence; note or mark of difference

*A slave, of course, in **distinction** from a free woman, is not permitted complaints.*

distinguish

v. characterize; differentiate; recognize

*They can't **distinguish** between legitimate discs and pirated ones and despite their super-sensitive noses they still can't tell the difference between movies that are worth watching and the real stinkers.*

distribute

v. hand out; disseminate; allocate

*They are planning to buy some main firms that **distribute** gas to European consumers.*

disturbance

n. disorder; turmoil; mental or emotional unbalance or disorder

*The **disturbance** comes just as India's government is trying to reform the country's police services.*

diversion

n. act of turning aside; pastime; activity that relaxes or entertains

*Fargo-Moorhead area officials already have decided that a **diversion** is the best option but are debating the size and location of the channel.*

divert

v. distract; withdraw money and move into a different location
*The UN Security Council should threaten sanctions against those who **divert** cocoa revenue into West African conflicts.*

dole

n. share of money, food, or clothing that has been charitably given
*The poor family received the fixed **dole** every month.*

domain

n. field; territory over which rule or control is exercised;
networked computers that share a common address
*Our cat knows who the queen of the **domain** is.*

dome

n. building or house, especially as great hall, church, or temple;
anything shaped like cupola
*There is a transparent **dome** on the top of the aircraft, through which celestial observations are made for navigation.*

doom

n. judgment; judicial sentence; penal decree; condemnation
*People sent the criminal to his **doom**.*

doubtful

a. distrustful; skeptical; full of doubt; having doubt; not settled in opinion
*Alice was rather **doubtful** whether she ought not to lie down on her face like the three gardeners.*

drastic

a. radical; taking effect violently or rapidly

*They faced the **drastic** social change brought by the French Revolution.*

dread

n. fearful or distasteful anticipation; terror; horror

*While the seamen, pointing fingers, shrink in **dread**, and cry, 'Turn back!'*

dreadful

a. very unpleasant; distasteful or shocking

*'No, no! The adventures first,' said the Gryphon in an impatient tone: 'explanations take such a **dreadful** time.'*

dreary

a. gloomy; dismal; dark, colorless, or cheerless

*Boston has had a fair share of cold, rainy and just plain **dreary** weather over the last couple of months*

drift

v. float; moving aimlessly; wander

*The girl saw her balloon **drift** eastward and disappeared finally.*

duly

ad. as it ought to be; properly; regularly

*Huck was silent while he framed a **duly** cautious reply.*

duplicate

n. one that corresponds exactly to another, especially an

original; identical copy; facsimile

*And now, sir, to reward you for the accurate guess, I will promise to paint you a careful and faithful **duplicate** of this picture.*

duration

n. length of time something lasts

*Because she wanted the children to make a good impression on the dinner guests, Mother promised them a treat if they'd behave for the **duration** of the meal.*

List 10

dwarf

v. cause to seem small; check natural growth or development of
*The giant redwoods and high cliffs **dwarf** the elegant Ahwahnee Hotel, making it appear a modest lodge rather than an imposing hostelry.*

dynamic

a. energetic; vigorously active

*The **dynamic** aerobics instructor kept her students on the run.*

eccentric

a. departing from a recognized, conventional, or established norm or pattern

*People came up with some **eccentric** ideas for dealing with the emergency: someone even suggested tying a knot in the comet's tail!.*

echo

n. sound reflected from an opposing surface and repeated to the ear; repetition of a sound

*Their demand for justice found an **echo** in communities across the nation.*

eclipse

v. darken; exceed in importance; outweigh

*The new stock market high would **eclipse** the previous record set in 1995.*

economic

a. pertaining to economy; frugal; cheap

*The subsequent deterioration is partly due to the slowdown in **economic***

growth that was already underway when Mr. Bush moved into the White House.

economics

n. branch of social science that deals with the production and distribution and consumption of goods and services and their management

*The incident triggered an intense debate on levels of airport security and the **economics** of running both airports and airlines.*

eddy

n. swirling current of water, air; flow in circular current

*The water in the tide pool was still, except for an occasional **eddy**.*

edible

a. eatable; substance that can be used as food

*US scientists develop **edible** wrap made of fruit, vegetables.*

edit

v. revise and prepare for publication; select, correct, arrange matter of, for publication

*The fourth volume of Make magazine, which I **edit**, is now available on Amazon.*

editorial

a. of or pertaining to an editor; written or sanctioned by an editor

*I have made a lot of **editorial** changes in their book.*

efficient

a. effective; acting directly to produce an effect; exhibiting a high ratio of output to input

*To make it more **efficient** and receive much needed World Bank funds, the government wants to shed 14,000 jobs.*

elaborate

a. marked by complexity and richness of detail; done with care and in minute detail

*Fulton's strengths are in **elaborate** detail and delicate construction.*

elbow

n. hinge joint between the forearm and upper arm

*Sid yawned, stretched, then brought himself up on his **elbow**, and began to stare at Tom.*

elderly

a. somewhat old; advanced beyond middle age

*Supplying daycare services for the **elderly** is a business that is certain to continue to grow in the coming decades.*

electrician

n. one whose occupation is the installation, maintenance, repair, or operation of electric equipment and circuitry

*Unless you or a friend have enough knowledge to know that an **electrician** is qualified, do not believe a thing they tell you.*

electronic

a. of or pertaining to an electron or electrons.

*None should clone the computer chip in an **electronic** passport.*

electronics

n. branch of physics that deals with the behavior of electrons;
electronic devices

*The **electronics** aboard the new aircraft are very sophisticated.*

elegant

a. refined and tasteful in appearance or behavior or style

*Among jumbo jets, Concorde always looked astonishingly small; its slim **elegant** lines still the most stylish in the airport.*

elementary

a. basic; fundamental

*Every American boy and girl receives the world's best **elementary** and middle school education.*

eligible

a. qualified; desirable and worthy of choice, especially for marriage

*But turnout was extremely disappointing, only around forty five per cent of **eligible** voters.*

elite

n. a group or class of persons enjoying superior intellectual or social or economic status

*House-hunting with the new Russian **elite** is a disconcerting experience.*

embassy

n. diplomatic building where ambassadors live or work;

diplomatic representatives headed by an ambassador

*They went over almost immediately today to sign the condolence book at the British **embassy**.*

emerge

v. come into prominence; spring up; appear

*New cases continue to **emerge** on an almost daily basis.*

emphasis

n. special attention or effort directed toward something; stress

*They also said that there was too much **emphasis** placed on protecting the liberty of individuals at the expense of broader social justice.*

emphasize

v. stress; underscore; utter or pronounce with a particular stress of voice

*The only reason to note this is to **emphasize** that Indians were a special case created by the peculiar history of the United States.*

employment

n. act of employing or using; work in which one is engaged; occupation

*The current rise in **employment** can therefore be at least partially attributed to the Bush tax cuts of several years ago.*

encyclopedia

n. a reference work containing articles on various topics

*A current and comprehensive **encyclopedia** covers all the major branches of knowledge from astrophysics to Zimbabwe.*

endorse

v. acknowledge by signing a bill, draft, or other instrument; approve; support

*Does John **endorse** all of the comments attached to his articles?*

enforce

v. put force upon; force; constrain; compel; put in motion or action by violence

*Can the police **enforce** the same rule to avoid another Rodney King incident?*

engage

v. obtain for services of; arrange for the use of; pledge or promise, especially to marry

*Opportunities to create partnerships and to **engage** is not a year and a half from now, or two years from now.*

enhance

v. make better or more attractive; increase; improve

*This sauce will **enhance** the flavor of the meat.*

enlighten

v. supply with light; illuminate, as the sun enlightens the earth; make clear to the intellect or conscience; give information to; inform or instruct

*The purpose of these books was to **enlighten** members of tribal cultures.*

ensemble

n. union of parts in a whole; a coordinated outfit or costume; a coordinated set of furniture

*It's hard to tell what color the Second Lady's **ensemble** is due to the lighting, but we're calling it a deep purple.*

ensure

v. make sure or certain; insure; assure

*For example, to **ensure** data security, a publicly held company will need to control who has access to financial records.*

enterprise

n. company; firm; organization created for business ventures

*Huck was always willing to take a hand in any **enterprise** that offered entertainment and required no capital, for he had a troublesome superabundance of that sort of time which is not money.*

enthusiastic

a. having or showing great excitement and interest

*The people felt that a good man was indeed their leader; and in **enthusiastic** crowds they thronged his way, and invoking the blessing of God upon him.*

epidemic

n. outbreak of a contagious disease that spreads rapidly and widely; widely prevalent

*The G8 countries, she said, have no trouble making speeches about the seriousness of the **epidemic** though not one has respected its commitments.*

equation

n. making equal; equal division; equality; equilibrium

*You can see equality of mass and net electric charge of reacting species on each side of an **equation**.*

equivalent

a. interchangeable; comparable; equal, as in value, force, or meaning

*The Clinton campaign has raised more money in the first three months than all nine Democratic candidates in the **equivalent** period for the 2004 election.*

List 11

erratic

a. no fixed or regular course; wandering

*State Senate Minority Leader, a Democrat, accused him of engaging in **erratic** behavior.*

essential

a. necessary; critical; vital; constituting or being part of the essence of something

*There people need fuel for generators at home, **essential** to power air conditioners to cope with the rising summer heat.*

estimate

v. judge to be probable; form an opinion about; evaluate

*The insurance industry is well prepared to **estimate** of the loss it will suffer.*

ethnic

a. relating to races; group of people sharing common racial, national, or religious heritage

*But guess why they stay home and suppress what they call **ethnic** unrest?*

etiquette

n. manners; rules governing socially acceptable behavior

*Students begin to learn the basics of **etiquette** for personal social situations.*

evacuate

v. make empty; empty out; remove contents of
*They had designed a method of reinforcing the mining colony without forcing the inhabitants to **evacuate**.*

evaluate

v. judge; examine and judge carefully; appraise
*They saw several oil slicks but could not **evaluate** their size.*

everlasting

a. continuing forever or indefinitely
*Life **everlasting**, or eternal life, is believed to be a gift from God as a result of having faith in Jesus Christ.*

evolution

n. development; progression
*While these arguments about **evolution** are in their infancy in the UK, a Government minister has said that says that Intelligent Design is not included in the national curriculum and should not be taught in schools.*

evolve

v. develop; grow
*They want to **evolve** a joint strategy for the next round of WTO related trade negotiations scheduled to be held in Geneva in mid December.*

exaggerate

v. represent as greater than is actually the case; overstate; magnify; do something to an excessive degree
*Don't **exaggerate** the size of the enemy force!*

exceptional

a. extraordinary; unusual; well above average

*This group shows **exceptional** kindness in their trip.*

excess

a. amount or quantity beyond what is normal or sufficient;
surplus

*He said people should stop talking down the economy and end the **excess** of fear.*

exclusively

ad. without any others being included or involved; purely;
strictly

*One Turkish diplomat told the BBC that that was tantamount to the EU saying that it wanted to remain an **exclusively** Christian club.*

execute

v. put into effect; carry out the legalities of

*All computers **execute** the instruction as expected.*

exhaust

n. gases ejected from an engine as waste products ; use up the
whole supply of

*The byproduct of the engine's combustion process is almost exclusively water vapor, which comes out of an **exhaust** pipe.*

exile

v. force separation from one's native country

*All my heart is yours, sir: it belongs to you; and with you it would remain, were fate to **exile** the rest of me from your presence for ever.*

expand

v. become larger in size or volume; grow stronger; add details
*China wants to learn from India's success in IT and **expand** international outsourcing, such as call centers, a booming sector in India.*

expertise

n. specialized knowledge; expert skill
*Although she was knowledgeable in a number of fields, she was hired for her particular **expertise** in computer programming.*

exploit

v. make use of, sometimes unjustly
*Cesar Chavez fought attempts to **exploit** migrant farm workers in California.*

explosive

a. tending or serving to sudden outburst; sudden and loud
*Edmonton police found what they describe as **explosive** devices in the car and on one of the suspects.*

exquisite

a. excellent; flawless; acutely perceptive or discriminating
*Blind dolphins have been known to survive in the wild, guided by **exquisite** acoustic images of their prey.*

extend

v. open or straighten something out; unbend; prolong
*The station will be allowed to fly unmanned until February or March, in the hope that private sponsors can be persuaded to **extend** its life.*

extent

n. extensive space or area; distance or area over which something extends; degree to which a thing extends

*Fortunately Persian, up to a certain **extent**, is an exceedingly easy language, more so even than Italian.*

exterior

n. outside; external or outward appearance

*I like the interior but the **exterior** is a bit plain, stale, and hard looking.*

external

a. exterior; outer; suitable for application to the outside

*There is, said the **external** relations commissioner, a lot of broken crockery on the floor, and we're going to have to work hard to put the pieces together again.*

extinct

a. no longer existing or living; vanished; dead

*There are about 35 different kinds of **extinct** kangaroos in these deposits, none of them looked like anything we know today because they didn't hop.*

extract

v. draw or pull out, usually with some force or effort; remove; get despite difficulties or obstacles

*He is not planning to expel foreign companies as he needs their expertise and technology to **extract** and upgrade Venezuela's heavy crude.*

faculty

n. inherent power or ability; body of persons with specific

professional powers

*His status on the **faculty** is also at risk should he be seen as delivering low-quality care.*

fade

v. disappear; die out; lose color; lose freshness

*I know how soon youth would **fade** and bloom perish.*

fare

n. food and drink; diet; transportation charge; a paying passenger

*This **fare** is available until March 31 for departures through May 20.*

farewell

n. acknowledgment at parting; goodbye; act of departing or taking leave

*If you've ever stopped by his blog, his **farewell** is here.*

feast

n. festival or holiday; festive or joyous meal; something highly agreeable; entertainment

*After the **feast**, there was a refreshing season of rest and chat in the shade of spreading oaks.*

feat

n. achievement; accomplishment

*My favorite seat was a smooth and broad stone, rising white and dry from the very middle of the beck, and only to be got at by wading through the water; a **feat** I accomplished barefoot.*

feature

n. prominent aspect of something

No **feature** in the scene was extraordinary, but all was pleasing.

feeble

a. lacking vigor, force, or effectiveness; faint; frail

General Anderson, who is in **feeble** health, has been superseded in command of the Federal forces in Kentucky by General Sherman.

feedback

v. response to an inquiry or experiment

Please select the appropriate **feedback** form from the list below so that your comments will be directed to the appropriate staff for a quick response.

fend

v. ward off; make an effort to resist; keep off; prevent from entering

China is cordoning off its own solar market to **fend** off international competition.

feud

n. bitter quarrel between two parties

"Why, where were you raised? Don't you know what a **feud** is?" "Never heard of it before--tell me about it."

fickle

a. not fixed or firm; liable to change; unstable; of a changeable mind

Shoppers remain **fickle** and disloyal and are still shifting to retailers who

offer the most immediate savings.

List 12

fidelity

n. faithfulness to obligations, duties, or observances

*By doing this, we condition people to feel that **fidelity** is unimportant on the Web.*

fierce

a. ferocious; savage; extremely severe or violent; terrible

*He said that at least 10 rebels were killed and more than 30 wounded in **fierce** urban warfare.*

filter

n. strain; pass liquid or gas through device that blocks some matter by particular criterion

*This **filter** is able to detect invalid clicks in real-time, with the goal of removing them before they ever show up in the AdWords console.*

filth

n. foul matter; anything that soils or defiles; dirt; corruption; pollution

*Go and wash that **filth** off your hand.*

finance

n. management of money and credit and banking and investments; subsidizing; fund

*Mr. Brown's views on economic matters are pretty well established and internationally he's known among **finance** ministers for his grasp of detail.*

flake

n. flat thin piece or layer; chip; small piece; small crystalline bit of snow

*The normally snowy January was spring like, without a **flake** to be seen.*

flap

n. flat, usually thin piece attached at only one side; act of waving or fluttering; blow given with something flat; slap

*Reacher lifted the envelope's **flap** and slid the two photographs out, facedown.*

flare

v. sudden outburst of emotion; glare; shine; shine with sudden light

*The night sky began to **flare** with the massive bombardment.*

flask

n. a small bottle-shaped vessel for holding fluids; narrow-necked vessel of metal or glass

*I want to drink a **flask** of wine.*

flatter

v. compliment someone, often insincerely and sometimes to win favor; enhance someone's vanity by praising them

*I cannot **flatter** myself that I am better than he: I am forced to confess that he and I are on a level.*

flaunt

v. display proudly or shamelessly; show oneself off

*And all the information they did **flaunt** is easily obtainable.*

flaw

n. crack or breach; gap or fissure; defect; fault; sudden burst of noise and disorder

*The **flaw** in this vase makes it less valuable.*

flee

v. run away, as from danger or evil; avoid in alarmed or cowardly manner

*If you are involved in a shooting and then kill someone as you attempt to **flee**, that is not a traffic accident, it is murder.*

fleeting

a. transient; brief; temporary; passing quickly

*Sometimes, for a **fleeting** moment, I thought I caught a glance, heard a tone, beheld a form, which announced the realization of my dream.*

flexible

a. pliant; elastic; capable of being bent or flexed; pliable

*The way of life is very beautiful for those people, who work from home, enjoys having less pressure and they can work in **flexible** hours at their own convenience.*

flirt

n. deal playfully; move abruptly; toss or flip suddenly

*I think a lot of people are using cell phones to reach out to a new partner and also to **flirt** an existing partner.*

flock

n. group; herd; crowd; gather; crowd; throng

*As the **flock** is in shock with this miracle occurring to the crazy person, word begins to spread around Ann Arbor.*

flour

n. fine powdery foodstuff; soft, fine powder

*These days, white **flour** is considered unhealthy - so it's perfect for junk foods like fruit pies.*

fluff

n. inflated or padded material; light down or fuzz, as on a young bird; superficial entertainment

*The report was mostly **fluff**, with little new information.*

foam

n. white substance, consisting of an aggregation of bubbles, which is formed on the surface of liquids

*When the horse had finished the race, its sides were wet with **foam**.*

foil

v. prevent from being successful

*In the end, Skywalker is able to **foil** Vader's diabolical schemes.*

foremost

a. leading; main; primary; first in time or place

*I will consult with our friends, but it's going to be what's in the interests of our country first and **foremost**.*

forfeit

n. something surrendered as punishment for crime or error
*The soul of the nation was **forfeit** from the day of its creation.*

forge

n. workplace where metal is worked by heating and hammering
*All the metal parts will be made in their **forge**.*

formidable

a. arousing fear; threatening; difficult to undertake or defeat
*What makes it even more **formidable** is that there is no vaccine yet for the disease though work is going on to develop one.*

forthcoming

a. ready or about to appear; making appearance
*The **forthcoming** talks hold out the hope of real arms reductions.*

forum

n. place to discuss public concerns; meeting or medium for open discussion
*The film opens with a shot of the ancient **forum** in Rome, where several senators are discussing the strange new sect known as Christians.*

fountain

n. spring of water issuing from the earth; artificially produced jet or stream of water
*She dabbled her hands in the **fountain**.*

fraction

n. segment; fragment; a small proportion of

*To add insult to injury, this whole island is a duty-free zone and cigarettes cost a **fraction** of the heavily-taxed tobacco in the rest of Norway.*

fracture

v. break into pieces; crack; destroy; violate or abuse
*You are going to **fracture** the balance of power.*

fragment

n. small part broken off or detached; fraction
*He was fond of quoting a **fragment** from a certain poem.*

fragrance

n. scent; aroma; distinctive odor that is pleasant
*It was full of the **fragrance** of new bread and the warmth of a generous fire.*

frantic

a. highly excited with strong emotion; disordered or nervous activity
*The young man went scrambling down into the ward in **frantic** haste.*

freight

n. transport commercially as cargo; load with goods; goods carried by a large vehicle
*Lots of closing of retail stores and factories only means more declines in **freight** demand.*

fret

v. cause to be uneasy; wear away

Further reason not to **fret** is that Obama volunteers have been doing grass roots organizing in Texas for quite some time.

friction

n. clash in opinion; rubbing against; conflict

*The main cause of the **friction** is the simple reality that "Law and Order" has lost audience.*

fringe

n. margin; periphery; decorative border of hanging threads, cords, or strips, often attached to a separate band

*A flag with a **fringe** is an ensign, a military flag.*

frost

n. ice crystal; weather cold enough to cause freezing; provide with a rough surface or appearance

*How different had this scene looked when I viewed it laid out beneath the iron sky of winter and stiffened in **frost**!*

frown

v. look angry; wrinkle one's forehead; regard something with disapproval or distaste

*We **frown** on the use of so much salt in the food.*

fundamental

a. relating to foundation or base; elementary; primary; essential

*El Niao is a natural phenomenon, but some are worried that climate change could now be altering the cycle in **fundamental** ways.*

List 13

furnace

n. enclosed place in which heat is produced; place or time of punishment or great trial; intensely hot place

*Make sure that the **furnace** is the right size for your home; a unit that is too large is inefficient.*

furthermore

ad. in addition; moreover; still further

*The guy was about forty, Reacher guessed, and **furthermore** Reacher guessed he had gotten to be about forty by staying relentlessly aware of everything.*

fury

n. violent anger; rage; uncontrolled action; turbulence

*Even moving on the widest hell, brave warriors still risk war fire toward in **fury** battle.*

fuse

v. combine; blend; become plastic or fluid or liquefied from heat

*The substances will **fuse** at a very high temperature.*

galaxy

n. large, isolated system of stars, as the Milky Way; any collection of brilliant personalities

*Give me a sky and I'll show you what a **galaxy** is all about.*

garment

n. any article of clothing, as coat or gown

*Twice she put out her hand to take the **garment** again, and twice she refrained.*

gauge

n. measuring instrument; measure; judge

*We are a leading Auto **gauge** and Auto meter manufacturer.*

gender

n. sexual identity, especially in relation to society or culture; category

*New reforms are largely uncontroversial, such as **gender** equality measures and improved rights of privacy.*

generate

v. bring into being; give rise to; produce

*Their primary concern is not the health of the American people it is to maximize the revenue they can **generate** from the American people.*

generic

a. of an entire group or class; general

*I typically ask whether another suitable drug is available in a **generic** form.*

geometry

n. mathematics of the properties, measurement, and relationships of points, lines, angles, surfaces, and solids

*This requires an ability to manipulate perspective that would challenge most college students of **geometry**.*

germ

n. bacteria; earliest form of an organism; seed

*He finds that his diet of wheat **germ** and organic honey isn't nutritious at all.*

gigantic

a. exceedingly large; huge; very large or extensive

*Children are fascinated by the idea of **gigantic** beasts called dinosaurs roaming the earth before humans even existed.*

giggle

v. laugh with short catches of the breath or voice; laugh in light, affected, or silly manner

*The children **giggle** at the teacher's high-pitched voice.*

gist

n. most essential or most vital part of some idea or experience; central idea

*The legends vary in detail but the **gist** is the same.*

glamour

n. air of compelling charm, romance, and excitement, especially when delusively alluring; magic spell

*It's heartening to know that if adults don't recognize all the dangers in **glamour** sports, this book may help young athletes spot them on their own.*

glare

n. light; brightness; fierce or angry stare

*The next thing I remember is, waking up with a feeling as if I had had a frightful nightmare, and seeing before me a terrible red **glare**, crossed with thick black bars.*

glimpse

n. glance; a quick look ; see briefly; a brief or incomplete view
*For those lucky enough to **glimpse** the motorcade of the royals as they drive the distance from the capital's airport, this is a day of celebration.*

glitter

n. bright, sparkling light; brilliant and showy luster; brilliancy
*The gloss and **glitter** of Hollywood seemed fascinating to the girl.*

globe

n. body with the shape of a sphere, especially a representation of the earth in the form of a hollow ball

*The average temperature of the **globe** is well below the optimal for humans and their crops.*

gloomy

a. imperfectly illuminated; dusky; dim; clouded

*Despite its **gloomy** title, this book is not depressing.*

gloss

v. provide extensive explanation for words or phrases

*No matter how hard he tried to talk around the issue, President Bush could not **gloss** over the fact that he had raised taxes after all.*

graphic

a. represented by graph; described in vivid detail; clearly outlined

*Read the story, then enlarge the title **graphic** to see what its about.*

gravity

n. seriousness; solemn and dignified feeling; natural force between two massive bodies

*We could tell we were in serious trouble from the **gravity** of the principal's expression.*

grid

n. framework of crisscrossed or parallel bars; grating or mesh

*Sure, a rechargeable can replace dozens of Duracells, but you have to keep plugging it into the power **grid**, which usually means burning more and more coal.*

grieve

v. cause to be sorrowful; distress

*Once more she ventured, and this time she fortified herself with the thought: "It's a good lie - it's a good lie - I won't let it **grieve** me."*

grim

a. unrelenting; rigid; dismal and gloomy; cold and forbidding

*Robert held her gaze for a long time, his expression **grim** and slightly troubled.*

grin

n. act of withdrawing lips and showing teeth; broad smile

*I knew she was joking because she had a big **grin** on her face.*

grind

v. crush; scrape; reduce to small pieces or particles by pounding

or abrading

*He planned to **grind** the spices in a mortar.*

growl

v. utter a deep guttural sound, as angry dog; give forth an angry, grumbling sound; emit low guttural sound

*Meanwhile Armstrong continues to grunt, to **growl**, to bite into his gums but all to no avail: he's over five minutes behind now.*

halt

v. stop; stand in doubt; hesitate

*Having the sun and moon **halt** is extraordinarily uncommon.*

handbook

n. concise reference book providing specific information

*Your owner's **handbook** for your car or motorbike probably tells you to use DOT3 or DOT4 from a sealed container.*

handicap

n. disadvantage; physical disability; cripple; hinder; impede

*The main **handicap** is uncertain rainfall, with the occurrence at irregular intervals of very serious droughts.*

harass

v. irritate or torment persistently; wear out; exhaust

*In some instances, state public health workers have been found to **harass** and threaten people testing positive for HIV.*

hardy

a. in robust and good health; able to survive under unfavorable conditions

*Strawberries are **hardy** and easy to grow.*

harness

n. stable gear consisting of an arrangement to an animal so that it can be attached to and pull a cart

*The biggest danger beside not wearing your **harness** is that you can't function properly.*

haste

n. hurry; rapidity of action or motion

*Alice looked at the jury-box, and saw that, in her **haste**, she had put the Lizard in head downwards.*

hasty

a. easily angered; irritable; made too quickly to be accurate or wise

*I remember her as a slim young woman, with black hair, dark eyes, very nice features; but she had a capricious and **hasty** temper, and indifferent ideas of principle or justice.*

hatch

v. breed; emerge from the egg

*It is not easy to watch that young birds, fish, and reptiles **hatch**.*

haven

n. refuge; shelter; harbor or anchorage; port

*There was a bat **haven** saved in church roof.*

List 14

havoc

n. wide and general destruction; devastation; waste
*The earthquake has made great **havoc** of the city.*

hazard

n. danger; risk
*And across Baghdad there are hundreds of thousands of cubic meters of rubbish, and this is proving to be an increasingly serious health **hazard**.*

heap

n. crowd or throng; a great number of persons; pile or mass
*When suddenly, thump! thump! down she came upon a **heap** of sticks and dry leaves, and the fall was over.*

heave

v. cause to move upward or onward by a lifting effort; lift; raise; hoist; throw
*The nuts must be planted in ground that does not **heave** in the spring time when the frost goes out.*

hectic

a. feverish; very busy with activity and confusion; habitual; marking particular habit or condition of body
*Just after last night he resigned, following a **hectic** board meeting.*

hemisphere

n. halves; half of a sphere bounded by a great circle

Radiation reflected in the southern **hemisphere** is just as reflected as anywhere else in the globe.

hence

ad. from this place; from this time; from this reason; as an inference or deduction

*She presents herself in public and **hence** is an object of positive or negative regard, as the case may be.*

herd

n. flock; crowd; group of cattle or other domestic animals

*The **herd** is too large in most parts of the state.*

hereditary

a. descended, or capable of descending, from an ancestor to an heir at law

*That cultural tendencies linger in **hereditary** religious traditions.*

heritage

n. legacy; something that is passed down from preceding generations; a tradition

*UNESCO says it's confident that the US will take steps to protect Iraq's rich **heritage**.*

highlight

v. make prominent; emphasize; stress

*He said it was time to **highlight** the danger of the possibility of smaller radioactive sources falling into the hands of terrorists.*

hilarious

a. by or causing great merriment or happiness; gay or merry

*In an interview with local newspaper, she promised to talk about the story in **hilarious** detail in the future.*

historic

a. having importance or significance in history; belonging to the past; historical

*This Congress is not going to want to miss that opportunity to achieve that kind of **historic** agreement.*

horizon

n. line at which the sky and Earth appear to meet; range of one's knowledge, experience, or interest

*Over the **horizon** is a Britain that pays its way in the world.*

hound

n. a variety of domestic dog, having large, drooping ears; side bar used to strengthen portions of gear of a vehicle

*The **hound** had in fact fought off a wolf to save the child.*

huddle

v. crouch or curl up ; mass; heap; crowd or draw together

*Tomaz Humar had spent nearly a week to **huddle** on a ledge six-thousand meters up Nanga Parbat, the world's ninth highest mountain.*

hurl

v. throw with great force; cast; toss

*I can **hurl** tennis rackets at small moving objects with deadly accuracy.*

hydrogen

n. a nonmetallic univalent element that is normally a colorless and odorless highly flammable diatomic gas

*Each atom of **hydrogen** has only one proton.*

hygiene

n. cleanliness; sanitation

*Read below for information on some **hygiene** basics and learn how to deal with greasy hair, perspiration, and body hair.*

ideal

a. existing in idea or thought; conception; intellectual; mental; imaginary standard of excellence; fit for a model; faultless

*Let us fight on today and every day until our **ideal** is accomplished, let us conduct ourselves so that we shall prove worthy of that trust.*

identification

n. act of designating or identifying something; condition of having your identity established

*The thief's **identification** was followed quickly by his arrest.*

idle

a. useless; vain; trifling; unprofitable; thoughtless; given rest and ease; avoiding work or employment; lazy

*He is vexed at my **idle** ways and waste of time: as if I need like a city clerk, six days a week and no holidays!*

ignorance

n. lack of knowledge or education

Do you think that her **ignorance** is a reasonable argument for this failure?

imaginative

a. marked by independence and creativity in thought or action

*This paper shows us an **imaginative** use of material.*

imitation

n. emulation; copying the actions of someone else

*You talk like an Englishman, DON'T you? It's the worst **imitation** I ever heard.*

imminent

a. near at hand; close in time; about to occur

*Peak oil does not mean that we are in **imminent** danger of running out of oil.*

imperative

n. having power command or control; critically importance; some duty that is essential and urgent

*Every man has his own destiny: the only **imperative** is to follow it, to accept it, no matter where it leads him.*

imperial

a. like an emperor; related to an empire; ruling over extensive territories

*Yet we lack the willingness, and perhaps the ability, to make the sacrifices necessary to maintain **imperial** dominion over that region.*

implicate

v. incriminate; involve or imply as necessary accompaniment or result

*The suspicions against **implicate** high government officials to the point where 911 could well have been an inside job.*

imply

v. express or indicate indirectly; signify

*Why does the word **imply** male siblings and not female as well?*

impose

v. demand; force; compel to behave in a certain way

*In the past the courts have treated similar cases with great leniency but there's been growing pressure from the government and the public to **impose** stiffer penalties.*

imposing

a. adapted to impress forcibly; impressive; impressive in appearance

*While the large vessel looked **imposing** from the outside, the interior was actually cramped.*

impromptu

a. without previous preparation

*So there's certain **impromptu** nature to a lot of these questions and the responses.*

improvise

v. compose, perform, or do something with little or no preparation

*If they let Lee **improvise** even one response, it could be devastating.*

incentive

n. something, such as the fear of punishment or the expectation of reward

*Another **incentive** is the tax and duty-free importation of raw materials to be used for book publishing.*

incidentally

ad. by chance; accidentally

*He broke cover after his name was mooted in the Russian newspaper *Isvestia*, which **incidentally** is owned by Gazprom.*

index

n. anything which shows, indicates, manifests, or discloses; prologue indicating what follows; second digit

*Do you know the price **index** in the city?*

indigenous

a. native; originating where it is found

*But rarely was the music they played anchored in **indigenous** sounds of their homelands, as the groups eagerly explored musical hybrids.*

induce

v. persuade; bring about; reason or establish by induction

*He was as a dog that had been terribly scorched, and nothing would again **induce** him to go near the fire.*

indulge

v. be complacent toward; give way to; not to oppose or restrain; yield to the desire of

*It pleased me to **indulge** her wishes.*

List 15

inept

a. lacking of judgment, sense, or reason; unsuited; inappropriate; foolish

*Calling Mary socially **inept** is akin to describing Hurricane Katrina as a summer shower.*

infant

n. child in the first period of life; young babe

*If the **infant** is able to clear the virus from their body this will occur within the first 2 years of life.*

infect

v. bring into contact with a substance that can cause illness

*He had no choice, even though this simple act might signal their presence to an enemy; they could not pick up something that would rot feet or **infect** skin.*

infectious

a. contagious; contaminating

*The burden of **infectious** diseases, including HIV, as well as chronic conditions, coupled with a lack of health care, has led to this situation.*

inferior

a. poor; lower than a given reference point; low or lower in order, degree, or rank

*After reading these stories, it may appear as if we are, in short, **inferior** to Cornell.*

infinite

a. unlimited or boundless, in time or space; without limit in power, capacity, knowledge, or excellence

*With **infinite** difficulty, for he was stubborn as a stone, I persuaded him to make an exchange in favor of a sober black satin and pearl-grey silk.*

infirmary

n. health facility where patients receive treatment

*The second building houses the charity and **infirmary** wards of the hospital for students' training.*

inflation

n. general increase in the prices of goods and services in a country

*The owners say **inflation** in the price of tea, plastic cups, tinned milk and gas to heat the water means they have little choice but to increase the cost if they're to stay in business.*

inflict

v. impose something unpleasant; cause

*United Nations officials warn that malaria does not only **inflict** terrible suffering, it's also damaging Africa's economies.*

ingredient

n. element in a mixture or compound

*Water, the project's key **ingredient**, will come from the massive artificial lake created by the Aswan High Dam.*

inherit

v. receive from an ancestor by legal succession or will; receive

by bequest or as a legacy

*To be an American today, we must examine the values that we **inherit** from the pioneers, and how they relate to the future of our nation in the world.*

initial

a. early; preliminary; occurring at the beginning

*An **initial** study will look at the terrorist threat to peace-keeping forces in the Balkans.*

initiate

v. begin; originate; admit into membership

*The college is about to **initiate** a program in reducing math anxiety among students.*

initiative

n. serving to initiate; introductory step or movement; act which originates or begins

*The child displayed great **initiative** in going to fetch apple from shelf.*

inject

v. put in; infuse ; force or drive fluid into something

*The company will **inject** over eight hundred million dollars of its own cash to improve the health of its pension fund.*

insert

v. input; enter; put or set into, between, or among

*The proposal for genetic modification involves to **insert** a fluorescent protein into the virus.*

insight

n. understanding; grasping the inner nature of things intuitively
*This **insight** is then applied to three prominent proposals.*

insolent

a. strange; unusual; haughty or brutal in behavior or language; grossly rude or disrespectful

*Georgiana, who had a spoiled temper, a very acrid spite, a captious and **insolent** carriage, was universally indulged.*

inspect

v. look over; examine carefully and critically, especially for flaws

*Please **inspect** your father's letter carefully.*

inspection

n. formal or official examination

*Experts among his **inspection** team can cross-check it with existing intelligence.*

inspire

v. encourage; inspirit; fire the imagination of

*The balance performed by the Shaolin monks have insisted to **inspire** many Hong Kong and Hollywood martial arts movies.*

inspiring

a. stimulating or exalting to the spirit

*This is an **inspiring** campaign and I would do anything to support this.*

institute

n. advance or set forth in court; association organized to promote art or science or education

*The **institute** for biomedical research is a non-profit, independent research and educational organization known as a world leader in its field.*

instruct

v. teach; make aware of

*She had to **instruct** the students to work on their pronunciation.*

instrument

n. tool; one used by another to accomplish a purpose; device used to produce music; legal document

*The bond market cheered such a short-term **instrument** as traders have been looking forward to trading in short-term papers.*

insure

v. make sure or secure, specifically against loss by a contingent event; give or take insurance on

*I want to **insure** my residence, or any accident may ruin the life of family.*

intact

a. undamaged in any way; integrated; whole

*Ironically, the expensive technical equipment seems **intact** and the weather conditions are perfect.*

intellect

n. ability to learn and reason; ability to think abstractly or profoundly

In this stage, the **intellect** is able to grasp all knowledge, and does not need to have recourse to the senses again.

intellectual

n. of intellect; showing intellect; requiring the use of the mind, rather than emotions or instinct

*Internationally he's known among finance ministers for his grasp of detail and his **intellectual** rigor.*

interact

v. interplay; act together or towards others or with

*Only two months ago, there was much criticism of the founders who organized the floatation and continued to **interact** with Wall Street.*

interior

n. inside; inner part; internal; inner

*Although it looks old and worn, the **interior** is all about contemporary shapes and elegant furnishings.*

interpret

v. explain or tell the meaning of; translate orally; decipher

*When data is kept under lock and key, as mysterious as a temple secret, only the priests can read and **interpret** it.*

intervene

v. get involved; come, appear, or lie between two things

*The place to **intervene** is to slow down the number of children who begin smoking.*

intimidate

v. frighten; make timid; fill with fear

*The group said Eveleth's arrest was designed to **intimidate** and disrupt its protests during the Earth Summit.*

intrigue

v. captivate; cause to be interested or curious; plot for: scheme for

*He asks occasional questions, but usually just about how the speaker came to a certain conclusion, it's the thought process more than the answer that seems to **intrigue** him.*

intuition

n. immediate insight; power of knowing without reasoning

*Even though Tony denied that anything was wrong, Tina trusted her **intuition** that something was bothering him.*

invade

v. move into; intrude; enter by force in order to conquer or pillage

*During the one-day visit Hun Sen also accused Thailand of plotting to **invade** again.*

invalid

a. of no force or weight; not valid; weak; void; null

*This ticket has passed its expiration date, and so it is now **invalid**.*

invaluable

a. valuable under estimation; inestimable; priceless

*He has many **invaluable** paintings; none care about them actually except himself.*

inventory

n. check list; a collection of resources

*Less money tied up in **inventory** is more money in our pockets.*

List 16

invest

v. put clothe on, as with office or authority; place in possession of rank, dignity, or estate; endow; lay out money or capital in business

*You had better let me **invest** it along with your six thousand, because if you take it you'll spend it.*

invincible

a. incapable of being overcome or defeated; unconquerable

*The president who once seemed **invincible** is now seen as potential vulnerable.*

irritate

v. rouse to impatience or anger; annoy; provoke

*Now you had better go; for if you stay longer, you will perhaps **irritate** me.*

isolate

v. seclude; set apart or cut off from others

*That research will **isolate** a large number of antibodies from humans and animals.*

itinerary

n. plan of trip; guidebook for traveler

*If your **itinerary** is the Empire State, the Statue of Liberty, Times Square and Chinatown, a standard guidebook will do quite nicely.*

ivory

n. teeth of elephant; pale or grayish yellow to yellowish white

*Living in your **ivory** tower at Oxford, you can't imagine what it's like to go hungry.*

janitor

n. door-keeper; porter; one who has the care of public building or suites of rooms

*We hope that everybody has a chance to succeed, not just the CEO, but the secretary and the **janitor**.*

jog

v. run or ride at a steady slow trot; give a push or shake to

*I would **jog** around the ponds, and around them, again and again.*

jolt

n. sudden jerking, as from a heavy blow; sudden, strong feeling of surprise or disappointment

*The **jolt** from the direct hit sent him flying out of his seat and across the cockpit.*

journalist

n. writer for newspapers and magazines

*The protests mark the second anniversary of the death of Georgy Gongadze, a **journalist** whose headless corpse was found in a forest near Kiev.*

judicial

a. pertaining or appropriate to courts of justice, or to a judge; sanctioned or ordered by court

*The rules are too deeply embedded in **judicial** and private practice, and*

judges and firms need law students to know them.

junction

n. connection; joint; intersection; crossing

*It ' s at the **junction** of the two continents of Europe and Africa where the earth ' s crust is broken and fragmented.*

justification

n. good or just reason; condition or fact of being justified

*If such **justification** is not enough under international law, please explain why you think it is not.*

juvenile

n. youth; adolescent; not fully grown or developed

*You know, this is sort of what I call a **juvenile** approach to a serious problem," the Democrat said.*

keen

a. acute; incisive; sharp ; express grief verbally

*China, for example, **keen** to dispel its unsavory image among tourists of having poor restroom facilities, is sending twenty delegates.*

kin

n. one's relatives; family; kinfolk

*For a growing number of old people, connecting with **kin** should be more than just a holiday affair.*

knit

v. contract into wrinkles; grow together; form into fabric by intertwining

*When he broke his leg, he sat around the house all day waiting for the bones to **knit**.*

knob

n. hard protuberance; hard swelling or rising; bunch; lump
*It didn't have an iron latch on the front door, nor a wooden one with a buckskin string, but a brass **knob** to turn, the same as houses in town.*

labour

n. effort expended on particular task; act of mother giving birth; time period during which mother gives birth
*When Lisa went into **labour**, her doctor was not around, she says.*

lace

n. delicate decorative fabric woven in an open web of symmetrical patterns; rope; cord that is drawn through eyelets
*When having brought her ironing-table to the nursery hearth, she allowed us to sit about it, and while she got up Mrs. Reed's **lace** frills, and crimped her nightcap borders.*

lag

v. delay; drag; the act of slowing down or falling behind
*I'm sure you've experienced jet **lag** before.*

landscape

n. scenery; expanse of scenery that can be seen in a single view
*From palaces to the desert mounds, remnants of this ancient culture litter the **landscape**.*

lapse

n. gliding, slipping, or gradual falling; unobserved or imperceptible progress; slip or error; failing in duty
*The mayor is apologizing, saying he's deeply sorry for a **lapse** of judgment.*

lash

n. any of the short hairs fringing the edge of the eyelid
*There were plenty of things to question, but I never batted a **lash** at that.*

latitude

n. freedom from normal restraints; angular distance north or south of the earth's equator
*Ah, no, a certain **latitude** is permissible in these matters, you understand.*

layer

n. tier; a relatively thin sheet like expanse or region lying over or under another
*The **layer** of thick smoke now covering all of southern California, thousands of firefighters are still struggling to contain ten separate blazes.*

layout

n. overall design of a page; plan or design of something that is laid out
*In gymnastics, a **layout** is a position in which the gymnast's body is completely stretched, toes pointed and legs straight.*

legislation

n. lawmaking; the act of making or enacting laws ; law enacted by a legislative body
*In the last year, the Australian government has introduced **legislation** to*

tighten up the relatively relaxed domestic security.

lever

n. simple machine consisting of a rigid bar pivoted on a fixed point and used to transmit force

*A **lever** is a bar, with which you can pry or lift greater weights or apply greater force.*

liability

n. something that holds one back; state of being legally obliged and responsible

*The other main **liability** is debt, which many banks used to finance risky investments, leading to the financial crisis.*

liable

v. bound or obliged in law or equity

*I was conscious that a moment's mutiny had already rendered me **liable** to strange penalties, and, like any other rebel slave, I felt resolved, in my desperation, to go all lengths.*

liaison

n. close relationship, connection, or link; secret love affair

*Now, often, CIA agents have a **liaison** relationship with the host government.*

liberal

a. open-minded; tolerant; broad-mindedness; having political views favoring reform and progress

*His views may be not agreeable to the **liberal** political mainstream.*

license

n. official or legal permission to do or own a specified thing
*The effective date of the new **license** is January 1, 2010, you have to bring old one when driving.*

likelihood

n. possibility, strong probability; state of being probable
*We all agree the **likelihood** is less, but still possible.*

likewise

ad. similarly; as well; too
*Dostam has a record of switching sides when convenient, and there are many supporters who would do **likewise**.*

limp

v. walk lamely, especially with irregularity, as if favoring one leg; move or proceed haltingly or unsteadily
*Whistling to the dog, he began to **limp** on down the trail.*

linen

n. fabric woven with fibers from the flax plant; thread made from fibers of the flax plant
*The ancient Egyptians produced fabrics from flax and wrapped their mummies in **linen** cloth.*

liner

n. vessel belonging to a regular line of packets, as ship or plane
*Hundreds died when the **liner** went down; it is the first air accident this year.*

linger

v. be slow in leaving; continue or persist; stay

*India is anxious to avoid inflaming tensions with China, which **linger** from a 1962 border war.*

List 17

literature

n. imaginative or creative writing, especially of recognized artistic value; art or occupation of a literary writer

*During most of Western history, the term **literature** included all writing that was worthy to be known by educated people.*

litter

v. make untidy by discarding rubbish carelessly; scatter about
*Selfish picnickers **litter** the beach with food wrappers.*

loaf

n. any thick lump, mass, or cake, especially, a large regularly shaped or molded mass, as of bread

*I was surprised at how soft it is, since the **loaf** is about the size of a football field.*

longitude

n. an imaginary great circle on the surface of the earth passing through the north and south poles

*All points on the same meridian have the same **longitude**.*

lottery

n. scheme for distribution of prizes by chance; gaming in which tickets bearing particular numbers draw prizes

*Dave, let's go to buy some **lottery** tickets, we have chance to win 1 million tonight.*

lucrative

a. profitable; producing good profit

*The government's selection also determines which nuclear-design companies will win **lucrative** contracts to build the plants.*

ludicrous

a. laughable; completely devoid of wisdom or good sense

*It is **ludicrous** to call a cottage a mansion.*

lump

n. a small mass of matter of irregular shape; irregular or shapeless mass; small cube of sugar

*Children may have no symptoms at all, and sometimes a **lump** is the first sign of the disease noticed by parents or doctors.*

lunar

a. pertaining to the moon; affecting the moon

*A successful launch will make India the third Asian nation to place a satellite in **lunar** orbit.*

lure

v. bait; charm; attract

*The state police nail a cracker called Phate who's using his ingenious program, Trapdoor, to **lure** innocent victims to their death by infiltrating their computers.*

magistrate

n. civil officer with power to administer and enforce law

*Mr. Eshton, the **magistrate** of the district, is gentleman-like.*

magnetic

a. having the properties of attracting iron or steel; captivating; attractive; being to draw or pull

*The hard disk is covered with a thin coat of **magnetic** material.*

magnitude

n. extent; greatness of rank, size, or position

*The **magnitude** of the flood was impossible to comprehend.*

mandate

n. authoritative command or instruction; commission of authorizing to administer a territory

*He believes the **mandate** is an issue best left to the states, and that it is wrong to impose a one-size-fits-all federal plan on the entire nation.*

mandatory

a. obligatory; required or commanded by authority

*These instructions are **mandatory**, any violation will be severely punished.*

maneuver

n. plan for attaining a particular goal; deliberate coordinated movement; strategy

*We use this **maneuver** tactic as a core for a lot of our operational procedures.*

manifest

a. clearly apparent to understanding; obvious

*Whatsoever makes **manifest**, that is, makes plain and clear.*

mantle

n. loose sleeveless coat worn over outer garments; cloak as a symbol of authority; covering; envelop

*On a summer night, a **mantle** of dust hangs over the gravel roads.*

manufacture

v. make products by hand or machinery; make from raw materials

*Surely she cannot truly like him; if she did, she need not coin her smiles so lavishly and **manufacture** airs so elaborate.*

manure

n. fertilizer; any animal or plant material used to fertilize land; spread manure

*Aerators reduce the **manure** nitrogen content, require fairly high capital investment, and are expensive to operate and maintain.*

manuscript

n. written with or by the hand; not printed; literary or musical composition written with the hand

*She stepped forward to the edge of the platform, cleared her throat, held up her **manuscript**, and proceeded to read.*

mar

v. spoil or damage; impair the soundness, perfection, or integrity of

*They attacked the victory they sought - to **mar** the election.*

marble

n. hard crystalline metamorphic rock that takes a high polish
*There the Pope touched the white **marble** shrine and paused for a minute in silent prayer, just like millions of pilgrims before him.*

margin

n. border; rim; room

*In the lower house, they will have an even bigger **margin**.*

marital

a. relating to marriage; relating to husband

*At this village, men still have more power in **marital** relationships.*

martial

a. relating to, or suggestive of war; connected with the armed forces

*Of course, even in **martial** sports, let's say like boxing, there are a few rules that people should stick to, even a little, don't you think?*

martyr

n. one who makes great sacrifices or suffers to further belief or principle; one who endures great suffering

*For common people, the most important thing about a **martyr** is they're dead.*

marvel

n. wonder; strong surprise; astonishment

*The **marvel** of Nature shaking off sleep and going to work unfolded itself to the musing boy.*

masculine

a. of the male sex; not female; having the qualities of a man
*There are three genders in German: **masculine**, feminine and neuter.*

massacre

n. killing of a considerable number of human beings under circumstances of atrocity or cruelty
*The press has reported the **massacre** of thousands of people for their religious beliefs.*

masterpiece

n. chief excellence or great talent; outstanding work of art or craft
*It is a good movie, but I hesitate to use the word **masterpiece** for a movie I have seen only once.*

maternal

a. motherly; relating to mother or motherhood
*A generous check from the G8 to improve accountability in **maternal** health would make a very nice Mother's Day gift!*

matrimony

n. union of man and woman as husband and wife; marriage; wedlock
*The explanation of the intent of **matrimony** was gone through; and then the clergyman came a step further forward, and, bending slightly towards him.*

meadow

n. tract of low or level land producing grass; any field on which

grass is grown for hay
*There are many herds of cattle in the **meadow**.*

mechanism

n. device; machine; the technical aspects of doing something
*On the key issue of land rights, it called for a **mechanism** to study ancestral links to the land.*

meddle

v. mix; mingle; interfere or busy one's self improperly with another's affairs, specifically, to handle or disturb another's property without permission
*Don't **meddle** with other men's business.*

medieval

a. very old-fashioned; as if belonging to the Middle Ages
*Pat Wallace, the director of the National Museum of Ireland, called the first discovery of an early **medieval** document in two centuries "a miracle find".*

mediocre

a. moderate to inferior in quality; ordinary; commonplace
*He manages to give solid performances even in **mediocre** movies.*

melody

n. tune; pleasing succession or arrangement of sounds; poem suitable for setting to music or singing
*But now, though her voice was still sweet, I found in its **melody** an indescribable sadness.*

menace

n. danger; a threat or the act of threatening; something that is a source of danger; threaten; intimidate

*Whenever the famished great girls had an opportunity, they would coax or **menace** the little ones out of their portion.*

List 18

mentality

n. mental action or power; intellectual activity; intellectuality
*There are some programs, starting in the fifth grade, which gets kids to think about the heroic **mentality**, the heroic imagination.*

mercenary

a. interested in making money; profit oriented; hired for service in foreign army
*South African involvement in **mercenary** activities was approved in the National Assembly on Tuesday.*

merit

n. virtue; admirable quality or attribute; credit
*I believe that giving work based on gender and not on **merit** is sexism.*

metaphor

n. implied comparison; one thing conceived as representing another; symbol
*While maybe the **metaphor** is a little stretched, Sharon's comparison is mostly brilliant.*

mingle

v. be all mixed up or jumbled together;
*Almost all of the 2,500 athletes who competed in Salt Lake came to **mingle** and party together in the final gathering of the 77 nations who'd contested the Games.*

minimal

a. the fewest; the least possible

*In order to make it work, you need a certain **minimal** area of collective surface.*

ministry

n. act of serving; government department, at the administrative level normally headed by a minister

*The **ministry** has tried to develop a management strategy this year but it has not been implemented because of scarce resources.*

minority

n. a group of people who differ racially or politically from a larger group

*He was accused by Speight of dismantling the rights of the indigenous majority at the expense of the Indo-Fijian **minority**.*

miscarriage

n. failure of administration or management; failure to attain a desired result or reach a destination

*Stay with us for this very special hour, as we look for the answers and examine this very important case, a case that many are calling a **miscarriage** of justice.*

mischief

n. behavior that causes discomfiture or annoyance in another; tendency to play pranks or cause embarrassment

*The branches of government - executive, legislative and judicial - are equal, so each can prevent the others from causing too much **mischief**.*

misfortune

n. bad fortune or ill luck; bad luck

*The government's War on Poverty has transformed poverty from a short-term **misfortune** into a career choice.*

misguided

a. based or acting on error; misled; lacking proper guidance

*It was exactly this type of misleading rhetoric that led us into a **misguided** war.*

missile

n. weapon that is thrown or projected; rocket carrying instruments or warhead

*U.S. defense officials say they believe the **missile** is a long-range Taepodong-2.*

mist

n. visible watery vapor suspended in atmosphere, at or near the surface of the earth; fog; haze before the eyes that blurs the vision

*The waves were enormous, and the air was filled with salty **mist**.*

mobile

a. movable; not fixed; fluid; unstable

*The **mobile** blood bank operated by the Red Cross visited our neighborhood today.*

mode

n. prevailing style; manner; way of doing something; fashion or style

*The main **mode** is the regular one that keeps the vehicle's straight ahead motion in check.*

modest

a. humble; less ambitious; moderate

*It was a very **modest** affair, a gathering of Caribbean musicians in an area of London, where many West Indian immigrants had settled in the 1950s.*

module

n. standard or unit of measurement; self-contained component of a system; unit of education covering a single topic

*Jaguar recalled 67,798 cars in April after discovering a defect in an electronic **module** that could cause cars to slip into reverse gear.*

moist

a. slightly wet; damp or humid

*It grows 3 to 5 feet high and wide in **moist** soil and partial shade and blooms white from June to September.*

momentum

n. product of a body's mass and its velocity; impelling force or strength; impetus

*He says he's trying to gain **momentum** from the U.N. to the G-20, to this Copenhagen summit in December.*

monarchy

n. government under a single ruler

*It remains unclear what will happen to the current king, if the **monarchy** is abolished.*

monopoly

n. exclusive control or possession of something; domination
*While Russia has been keen to maintain its pipeline **monopoly**, the US has promoted routes which, as far as possible, are free from its rivals' control.*

monstrous

a. marvelous; strange; extraordinary on account of ugliness, viciousness, or wickedness

*Jim was **monstrous** proud about it, and he got so he would hardly notice the other niggers.*

morality

n. set of social rules, customs, traditions, beliefs, or practices which specify proper, acceptable forms of conduct

*If we feel distress when we kill an in-game opponent, it may be because it violates our ingrained sense of **morality**; we know killing is bad, even when it's virtual.*

morbid

a. caused by disease; pathological or diseased; unhealthy or unwholesome

*He suffered much from a **morbid** acuteness of the senses.*

mortgage

n. transferring property title as security for the repayment of a loan

*I can buy the house only if a **mortgage** for 2000 dollars is available.*

motivate

v. stimulate; impel; provide with an incentive; move to action

*In order to **motivate** someone, you must have an understanding of the driving factors behind that person.*

motto

n. short, suggestive expression of a guiding principle; maxim
*I often win money at cards but never save a penny. "easy come, easy go" is my **motto**.*

mourn

v. express or to feel grief or sorrow; grieve; be sorrowful
*There should have been even dearer ones to bear his name and **mourn** his loss.*

moustache

n. hair growing on the human upper lip, especially when cultivated and groomed
*A compact man with a trim **moustache**, Rouse builds high-end spec houses by day and high-flying rockets at night.*

multiply

v. proliferate; increase; combine by multiplication
*This isn't the first time Singapore's leaders have asked citizens to go forth and **multiply** for the good of the nation.*

muscular

a. having or suggesting great physical power; of or relating to or consisting of muscle
*New work contained the starting-point for a method of investigation, which made it possible to trace the development of heat in **muscular** movements.*

mushroom

v. multiply, grow, or expand rapidly

*Between 1990 and 1999, the population of Silicon Valley kept to **mushroom**; with the rapidly increasing demand for housing, home prices skyrocketed as well.*

muster

v. call together; cause to come together; gather; summon up

*Fritz says if the best answer you can **muster** is "Georgetown," you're definitely not going to win.*

myth

n. legend; fable; a traditional story accepted as history

*Through the media of **myth** and her beautiful painting, Saj offers us alternative ways of thinking about such cosmic issues.*

mythology

n. study of myths; collection of myths

*They fear the blue, which, in **mythology**, is the color of purity and holiness.*

namely

ad. by name; by particular mention; expressly; that is to say

*Lydia briefly stated the business in hand, **namely** to choose a secretary and treasurer for the committee.*

nausea

n. feeling of sickness in stomach by an urge to vomit; strong aversion; disgust

*Side effects include dizziness, **nausea**, and falling asleep.*

naval

a. relating to, or adjacent to the sea; relating to marine shipping or navigation

*We really don't yet have technology that can effectively detect the presence of radiation in **naval** cargo.*

navigation

n. guidance of ships or airplanes from place to place

*Such frequencies can be extremely valuable to companies which provide wireless services such as mobile phone networks or satellite **navigation** systems.*

List 19

neglect

v. disregard; ignore; pay little or no attention to

*Iraqi sovereignty does not **neglect** the U.S. promise to protect the residents of Camp Ashraf.*

negligence

n. neglect; failure to take reasonable care; state or quality of being negligent

*As for employment, this **negligence** is apparent in a variety of aspects, such as qualification and training.*

negotiable

a. capable of being negotiated; transferable by assignment or endorsement to another person

*Make sure the promissory note that the buyer signs is fully **negotiable**, that is, transferable to another party.*

neurotic

a. of or pertaining to the nerves; seated in the nerves; nervous

*If they get through that period without becoming **neurotic** or worse, they're usually all right from then on.*

neutral

a. impartial; not supporting one side over another

*Edwards will remain **neutral** until after "Super Tuesday", then he will endorse Hillary.*

neutralize

v. make neutral and thus inoffensive

*The treaty might **neutralize** the small republic.*

nevertheless

ad. not the less; notwithstanding; in spite of that; yet

*While Gaiman does not possess much of a sophisticated literary skill, he **nevertheless** is an author to read for the interesting and amazing stories.*

nibble

v. bite by little at a time; seize gently with the mouth; eat slowly or in small bits

*He didn't answer, but just continued to **nibble** at his food.*

nobility

n. quality or state of being noble; superiority of mind or of character; commanding excellence; eminence

*He is remembered for the **nobility** of his character.*

nominee

n. appointee; candidate

*Her **nominee**, who is thought to be the former finance minister Manmohan Singh, will also become prime minister.*

nonetheless

ad. anyway; however

*India hasn't been as successful, but the U.N. says it is **nonetheless** on track to cut its poverty rate from 51 percent in 1990 to 24 percent in 2015.*

norm

n. convention; standard; rule

*This was revoked after the scandals of the clean hands bribery scandal which caused a political earthquake at the time in a country where it had become the **norm** for businessmen to bribe politicians, but now it is back to square one.*

notch

n. small cut; V-shaped or U-shaped indentation carved or scratched into a surface

*There was one **notch** in the handle of his revolver.*

notify

v. make known; give notice to; inform by notice

*Please **notify** us of any change of address.*

notorious

a. disreputable; known widely and usually unfavorably;
infamous

*They could add a subset of public restrooms around the country where certain **notorious** events have taken place.*

notwithstanding

ad. nevertheless; in spite of; despite anything to the contrary

*The danger of a third world war, present appearances **notwithstanding**, is not imminent.*

novelty

n. quality of being novel; newness; something new and unusual

*Another **novelty** is the Japanese garden with its bamboo fence, the posts and door of entrance being carved with remarkable taste and boldness.*

nuisance

n. something that annoys or gives trouble and vexation;
something that is offensive or noxious

*The noise was so loud that it was a **nuisance** to the neighbors.*

null

a. invalid; void; nullified; having no legal force; invalid

*If any levels of corruption are proven, it's possible that the elections could be declared **null** and void.*

numb

a. without the power of sensation and motion or feeling;
insensible; unresponsive; indifferent

*We are likely to develop virtue-derailing sentiments, first becoming indifferent to harming others, then morally **numb**, then eventually evil beings.*

numerous

a. many; various; amounting to a large indefinite number

*Who lives in **numerous** residential communities and works in the giant business centers?*

oasis

n. fertile or green spot in a waste or desert

*Her bedroom is an **oasis** of calm in the noisy house.*

oblige

v. force; bind by an obligation; cause to be indebted; do a

service or favor for

*A friend would be very pleased to **oblige** her by taking on the morning's work.*

oblivious

a. inattentive or unmindful; lacking all memory; forgetful

*One can even travel to Ben Gurion Airport and remain **oblivious** to the concrete separation wall.*

obscene

n. offensive to accepted standards of decency or modesty; repulsive; disgusting

*The way he writes about the disease that killed her is simply **obscene**.*

obscure

v. darken; make dim or indistinct; conceal in obscurity

*Because the smog will **obscure** our view, we have to adjust original plan.*

obsess

v. preoccupy the mind of excessively; besiege; compass about; dominate the thoughts of someone

*The practical thing is have something else to do, don't **obsess** on it all of the time.*

obsolete

a. no longer useful; outmoded; antiquated

*But the content is very difficult to locate, and often in **obsolete** video formats.*

obtain

v. get hold of; gain possession of; acquire, in any way

*Congress exceeded its constitutional authority by requiring that all Americans **obtain** health insurance or pay a tax penalty.*

occupy

v. inhabit; live in a certain place; be present in; be inside of

*Interestingly, many other Great War memorials also **occupy** busy.*

odyssey

n. long, eventful journey; extended adventurous voyage or trip

*The nine-month, 32,000-mile **odyssey** is one of the world's most grueling competitions, the sailing equivalent of scaling Mount Everest.*

offence

n. act of causing anger, resentment, displeasure, or affront;
violation or infraction of moral or social code

*If you are willing to smoke marijuana, where it is an **offence** in many countries, then how can anyone be sure that you won't try dope to improve your swimming?*

offend

v. strike against; attack; assail; make angry; affront

*Alice did not wish to **offend** the Dormouse again, so she began very cautiously: "But I don't understand. Where did they draw the treacle from?"*

offshore

a. at some distance from the shore

*It's now operating Russia's first **offshore** oil platform in the sea close to Sakhalin.*

offspring

n. descendant

*But now you know that it is the illegitimate **offspring** of a French opera-girl, you will perhaps think differently of your post and protegee.*

omen

n. any indication or action regarded as a foreshowing; phenomenon supposed to portend good or evil

*If I were a religious man, I would call it an **omen**.*

ongoing

a. continuous; existing

*Now, don't forget on top of that you've still got the day-to-day waste being generated so it's an **ongoing** problem.*

opponent

n. contestant; someone who offers opposition ; adverse; hostile; opposing

*One **opponent** of the bill said government has bowed to pressure from the IMF at the expense of Argentina.*

optimism

n. tendency to expect the best possible outcome; belief that the universe is improving and good will win over evil

*I think the hardest thing is tempering **optimism** with reality, and vice versa.*

optional

a. not obligatory; left to choice; not compulsory or automatic
*Making the public plan **optional** is not only better political strategy, it is better public policy in our federal system.*

List 20

orbit

n. path; circle; move in an orbit; encircle

*One Japanese company is already taking advance bookings for visits to a space resort that's meant to **orbit** the earth.*

orchestra

n. band

*The **orchestra** was rehearsing at the time and received the news in silence, according to one musician.*

ordeal

n. severe trial; form of trial to determine guilt or innocence; difficult or painful experience

*Another concern in this **ordeal** is the matter of proof.*

orderly

a. conformed to order; in order; regular; well-regulated

*Managers like an **orderly** arrangement of data, especially one in which the data are arranged in columns and rows in an essentially rectangular form.*

organ

n. natural part or structure in animal or plant, capable of performing some special action

*Our ultimate goal is to be able to form a pool of stem-cell-like cells that would be able to repopulate the **organ** or tissue you're trying to repair.*

organism

n. living being; system considered analogous in structure or function to a living body

*In sociology, the social **organism** is theoretical concept in which a society or social structure is viewed as a "living being".*

origin

n. the first existence or beginning of anything; birth; fountain

*You think the word's **origin** is Latin?*

ornament

n. decoration; something used to beautify

*There was no superfluous **ornament** in the room, not one modern piece of furniture, everything looked at once well worn and well saved.*

outbreak

n. beginning; eruption; explosion

*The trial of 21 medical workers, allegedly linked to an **outbreak** of the HIV virus in southern Kazakhstan, has begun.*

outcast

a. cast out; degraded; excluded from a society

*She had never been cold or hungry or **outcast** from Society.*

outcome

n. result; end or consequence; result of a random trial

*South Africa praised the **outcome** of the election as another indication of Africa's growing commitment to multi-party democracy.*

outlaw

n. person excluded from the benefit of the law, or deprived of its protection; fugitive from the law; habitual criminal

*Viridina had freed him and sent him away to join the **outlaw** humans that had escaped their lives of slavery.*

outlet

n. an opening that permits escape or release; activity that releases creative energy or emotion

*At any rate, it shall be strong enough to search to grope an **outlet** from this cloud of doubt, and find the open day of certainty.*

outline

n. line that appears to bound an object; shape of an object or figure; summary of a written work or speech

*The WTO has set a deadline of July for ministers to agree upon an **outline** deal.*

outright

ad. altogether; entirely; without reservation or exception

*She asked him **outright** for a divorce.*

oval

a. elliptic; rounded like an egg

*Instead of being perfectly round like a globe, the universe might be a bit stretched in shape like an **oval**.*

overall

a. general; comprehensive; from one end to the other; including everything

*They are beginning the assessment of the **overall** need for reconstruction and rehabilitation.*

overdue

a. past due; not paid at the scheduled time; late; delayed

*Economists say that improving links between south and south-east Asia is long **overdue**.*

overhear

v. hear more of anything than was intended to be heard; hear again

*I **overhear** some cruel remarks about him.*

overlook

v. ignore; disregard; fail to notice ; watch over

*You failed because you did **overlook** this job.*

override

v. ride over or across; ride upon; trample down.

*Do I get the ability to **override** their limitations?*

overrun

v. run or extend beyond normal or desired limit; overflow

*There are some issues to show local language in screen: buttons may missing next , or section borders may **overrun**.*

overseas

ad. beyond or across the sea; abroad

*He lived **overseas** for many years and never back his mother country.*

oversee

v. supervise; manage; watch over and direct; examine or inspect

*This caseworker had about 100 cases to **oversee**, which is four times the recommended number.*

ownership

n. having and controlling property

*In recent years many Maori have united against the New Zealand government, in protest at its efforts to clarify **ownership** of the country's extensive foreshore.*

paddle

v. row slowly and gently; move through water by means of repeated short strokes of the limbs

*And then I can **paddle** over to town nights, and slink around and pick up things I want.*

pageant

n. elaborate exhibition devised for the entertainment; show, spectacle, or display

*We are all invited to take part in the **pageant**.*

pamphlet

n. brochure; leaflet; a small book usually having a paper cover

*Below you will find a 6 page **pamphlet** meant as a public service to help educate bloggers about this growing problem.*

parachute

n. rescue equipment consisting of a device that fills with air and retards your fall

*The plane that crashed into the side of a high-rise apartment comes equipped with a **parachute**.*

paragraph

n. distinct division of written or printed matter that begins on a new, usually indented line

*After you read the next **paragraph**, you'll be offered the choice of three possible decisions.*

parallel

n. make or place something to another's side; of or relating to multiple operations at same time; not intersecting

Parallel processing is very common in today's computer.

paralysis

n. loss of the ability to move a body part

*After five weeks of political **paralysis**, Thailand finally has a way out of the stalemate left by last month's general election.*

paranoia

n. psychological disorder by delusions; extreme, irrational distrust of others

*Suffering from **paranoia**, Don claimed everyone was out to get him.*

parasite

n. animal or plant living on another

*Scientists believe a **parasite** is attacking the lobsters' nervous system, killing the shellfish.*

parliament

n. discussion; formal conference on public affairs; general council, especially an assembly of representatives of a nation
Parliament has passed an Act forbidding the killing of rare animals.

partial

a. incomplete; fragmentary; favoring one person or side over another or others

*These market price moves are reverses, but only **partial** reverses, of the shifts that happened when the conflict started last week.*

participate

v. take part in something; share in something

*Everyone in the class is expected to **participate** in the discussion.*

particle

n. a tiny piece of anything

*The comet it had met was itself a visitor from the outer limits of the solar system and the dust **particle** it shed, and which Stardust caught, have been untouched since the Solar System formed billions of years ago.*

passive

a. lacking in energy or will; peacefully resistant in response to injustice

*Mahatma Gandhi urged his followers to pursue a program of **passive** resistance as he felt that it was more effective than violence.*

pasture

n. field covered with grass; meadow

*This time every year the local farm moves its ewes and rams to fresh **pasture** land up on the high ground.*

List 21

patio

n. paved outside area, adjoining a house, used for dining or recreation

*From the poolside **patio**, you can look down across West Hollywood and Beverly Hills.*

patron

n. benefactor; regular customer

*We had to walk two miles to Brocklebridge Church, where our **patron** officiated.*

pavement

n. floor or covering of solid material, laid so as to make hard and convenient surface for travel

*I walked a little while on the **pavement** after tea, thinking of you; and I beheld you in imagination so near me, I scarcely missed your actual presence.*

peculiar

a. special; characteristic; unusual; odd; bizarre

*What I find **peculiar** is the notion “fundamentalists” need or deserve to be criticized.*

pedal

n. foot-operated lever used for actuating or controlling a mechanism

*What we've seen recently is that we really had foot on the gas **pedal** of greenhouse gas emissions.*

peer

v. gaze; stare; look searchingly; company with

*We **peer** in at ten infants through the glass walls of a new-born nursery, imagining the bright futures ahead in the 80 years of life they can expect.*

penetrate

v. pierce; go through; permeate

*You can hear her piano practice **penetrate** each room of the house.*

pension

n. something paid or given; payment to a person in consideration of past services

*The government is struggling to persuade the general public to keep up their contributions to the **pension** scheme.*

perceive

v. become aware of through the senses; detect

*And though I don't comprehend how it is, I **perceive** you have acquired a degree of regard for that foolish little child Adele, too; and even for simple dame Fairfax?*

perception

n. understanding; feeling; effect or product of perceiving

*Let's keep things to reality, and CNN's supposition for why this drop in **perception** is certainly not reality.*

peril

n. danger; risk; hazard; jeopardy; exposure of person or property

to injury, loss, or destruction

*The switch hovered in the air -- the **peril** was desperate -- "My! Look behind you, aunt!" The old lady whirled round, and snatched her skirts out of danger.*

perish

v. be destroyed; pass away; become nothing

*Almost a hundred people will **perish** in the cave unless we find them in 72 hours.*

perpetual

a. everlasting; continuing without interruption

*Nearly 50 Virginia prisoners are being held in **perpetual** isolation because they refuse to cut their hair.*

pertinent

a. having precise or logical relevance; pertaining or relating

*That policy, in **pertinent** part, said as follows: "A person living at other countries should not be counted as a vote."*

perverse

a. stubbornly wrongheaded; directed away from what is right or good

*When Jack was in a **perverse** mood, he would do the opposite of whatever Jill asked him.*

pervert

v. cause to turn away from what is right, proper, or good; corrupt; bring to a bad or worse condition

*As he was charged for conspiracy to **pervert** the course of justice, detectives arrived at the house, taking him into custody at 5.45 p.m.*

petition

n. plea; formal message requesting something

*People donate money, put their names to a **petition** urging governments to do more to fight AIDS.*

petroleum

n. dark oil consisting mainly of hydrocarbons

*The **petroleum** product's pricing regulatory agency said in a statement it welcomed the high court's decision, and added that marketers were now free to procure products and release them to the public subject to guidelines.*

pharmaceutical

a. of or pertaining to knowledge of pharmacy or preparing medicines

*In order to determine if a certain **pharmaceutical** is effective, researchers compare medical outcomes between one group given the drug and another given a placebo.*

pharmacy

n. art or practice of preparing and preserving drugs

*Reports from every clinic, doctor, and **pharmacy** get broken into broad syndrome categories rather than specific diseases.*

phenomenon

n. appearance; anything visible, in matter or spirit; extraordinary or very remarkable person, thing, or occurrence

*International terrorism is not just a recent **phenomenon**.*

pilgrim

n. traveler; one who travels far, or in strange lands, to visit some holy place or shrine as a devotee

*He was known as the **pilgrim** Pope visiting more than 100 countries and is generally acknowledged as the most well traveled world leader ever.*

pillar

n. column; post

*I leant against a **pillar** of the verandah, drew my grey mantle close about me, and, trying to forget the cold which nipped me without, and the unsatisfied hunger which gnawed me within.*

pimple

n. any small acuminated elevation of the cuticle; small inflammatory dermal tumor or swelling

*Accept that you're a **pimple** and try to keep a lively sense of humor about it.*

pinch

v. clutch; squeeze between the thumb and a finger, the jaws of a tool, or other edges

*He went on so long that they had to **pinch** it to make it stop.*

pinpoint

v. spot; locate or identify with precision

*Scientists are hoping that the complete code of Chromosome 21 will allow them to **pinpoint** the individual genes responsible for each Downs Syndrome disease.*

planetarium

n. apparatus or model representing the solar system; display

museum in which images of stars are projected onto a domed ceiling

*In our debate, I mentioned the example of the more than \$3 million he sought for a new projector at a **planetarium** in his hometown.*

plantation

n. farm; an area under cultivation; a group of cultivated trees or plants

*Sugar prices were so high that Hawaiian **plantation** owners were paying laborers a previously unthinkable \$3.20 an hour.*

plaster

n. cover conspicuously, as by pasting something on; adhesive tape used in dressing wounds; a hardened surface as on a wall or ceiling

*The **plaster** is mostly removed now and we get to see the paintings in their full glory.*

platform

n. stage; a raised horizontal surface

*It's now operating Russia's first offshore oil **platform** in the sea close to Sakhalin.*

plausible

a. likely but not certain to be or become true or real

*Both sides can maintain **plausible** deniability and simply claim a misunderstanding.*

plight

n. condition or state, especially a bad state or condition

Firstly, we are convinced that the people of our country, especially the

poor, do appreciate that their **plight** is at the top of government's agenda.

plunge

v. dive; submerge; become suddenly lower; decrease dramatically; throw oneself into a substance or place

*The hunting dogs **plunge** into the forest.*

poke

v. push at, as with a finger or an arm; search or look curiously; proceed in slow or lazy manner; thrust forward

*The children's heads **poke** from under the blankets.*

polar

a. pertaining to one of the poles of the earth; of the poles

*The two systems of government are **polar** opposites.*

ponder

v. weigh; weigh in the mind; view with deliberation; examine carefully; consider attentively

*I **ponder** for some minutes before giving the answer.*

porcelain

n. ceramic ware made of a more or less translucent ceramic

*The toughness, strength, and translucence of **porcelain** arise mainly from the formation at these high temperatures of glass and the mineral mullite within the fired body.*

portable

a. mobile; easily or conveniently transported

*They predict that the majority of internet connections will be by mobile communication devices closer to pocket computers than **portable** telephones.*

portfolio

n. portable case to hold loose papers; materials in such case; office or post of minister of state; a group of investments

*Building a **portfolio** is an important step in becoming a successful writer.*

portion

n. section or quantity within a larger thing; a part of a whole

*The largest **portion** would go into the players' pockets, but the package included payments into a players' pension account and a donation to selected charities.*

List 22

posture

n. position or arrangement of the body and its limbs

*He has a warm smile on his face but his **posture** is firm and his eyes are open and locked directly into our eyes.*

potent

a. powerful; having power to influence or convince; having great control or authority

*They remain **potent** forces, as evidenced by car bombings in both countries over the past two weeks.*

pottery

n. craft of making earthenware; ceramic ware made from clay

*He told the BBC that some new inscriptions had already been found, as well as ancient **pottery** and broken shards of Nabataean sculptures.*

pounce

v. attacks suddenly; seize something swiftly and eagerly; leap into the air intending to seize someone or something

*We hid behind the bushes, ready to **pounce** on the intruder.*

poverty

n. lack of money; state of being poor; lack of the means of providing material needs or comforts

*President Correa has shown he is determined to follow a radical program of reforms to tackle **poverty** in Ecuador.*

preach

v. advocate; speak, plead; argue in favor of

*You have no right to **preach** to me, you neophyte, that have not passed the porch of life, and are absolutely unacquainted with its mysteries."*

precaution

n. prevention; measure taken beforehand; act of foresight

*It was widely predicted and the Omani government had taken the **precaution** of evacuating low-lying areas.*

precedence

n. fact, state, or right of preceding; priority; previous occurrence, or existence before; preceding act or speech

*The mobile operators are expected to take **precedence** in an auction of transmission frequencies freed up by digital switchover.*

precedent

n. act or instance that may be used as example in subsequent similar cases

*How to determine what a **precedent** is authority for are talked by the lawyers.*

precise

a. exact; clearly expressed; accurate or correct

*How exactly, in **precise** detail, will he bring about this supposed unity?*

predict

v. state, tell about, or make known in advance, especially on the basis of special knowledge

*We're not trying to **predict** which markets will all of a sudden have double-digit growth in home prices.*

predictable

a. expectable; likely; capable of being predicted or foretold

*At the same time, the bank president said the money donated must be well spent, in a **predictable**, transparent, strategic and effective manner.*

prejudice

n. opinion formed without due examination; leaning toward one side of a question

*They accused him of having a **prejudice** against his women employees.*

premium

n. having or reflecting superior quality or value

*British Airways has used the lure of a free upgrade to Concorde to persuade businessmen to insist on BA **premium** class tickets.*

premium

n. prize or award offered free or at a reduced price after buying something else; payment for insurance

*The two miners, which have major iron-ore operations in Australia, may succeed in extracting the **premium** from the Chinese.*

prerogative

n. privilege; unquestionable right; exclusive power to command

*For the sake of policy and representativeness, we need a constitutional amendment to remove this **prerogative** from the president.*

prescribe

v. dictate; guide; advise the use of; assert a right; claim

You can **prescribe** nil tax rates for one or more of the property classes.

preserve

v. uphold; retain; maintain in safety from injury, peril, or harm
*The doctors need to **preserve** and re-route those veins or both twins risk suffering a stroke.*

prestige

n. impression produced by achievements or reputation; recognized distinction or importance
*What they are doing to our military, our treasury, our power, and our **prestige** is an unconscionable national betrayal.*

prestigious

a. honored; respected; reputed; exerting influence by reason of high status
*It's still the most **prestigious** way to fly the Atlantic in 3 hours.*

presumably

ad. assumedly; supposedly
*The swimmers said the dolphins were extremely agitated and repeatedly slapped the water with their tails, **presumably** to try to deter the predator as it cruised nearby.*

pretentious

a. intended to attract notice and impress others; making unjustified claims; overly ambitious
*In the old world, Munich offers the closest analogy to St. Petersburg, that not only by half-occupied areas, but by **pretentious** and pseudo-classic architecture.*

prevail

v. induce; be greater in strength or influence; triumph; win out
*I hope the country is finally turning a corner where common sense will once again **prevail** over the insanity of the last 30 years.*

prey

n. target of a hunt; animal hunted or caught for food
*Although their main **prey** is the soft tissue of red corals, they eat other types of corals as well.*

primitive

a. belonging to an early stage; simple or naive in style; primeval
*Scientists hope Contour will visit at least two comets, providing the first detailed look at the differences between these **primitive** building blocks of the Solar System.*

probe

v. explore with tools; investigate; search
*The surgeon tried to **probe** the wound for foreign matter before suturing it.*

proceeding

n. a sequence of steps by which legal judgments are invoked
*Moreover the recent decisions from the Judiciary also reflect their reluctance in **proceeding** with the case.*

productive

a. having quality or power of producing; yielding or furnishing results; causing to exist
*They work hard, but their efforts are not very **productive**.*

profound

a. deep; not superficial; far-reaching

*Volunteers return to their normal lives in **profound** silence, as if they had been on a sacred retreat.*

promote

v. help to flourish; advance in rank; publicize

*Founder of the Children's Defense Fund, Marian Wright Edelman and her team ceaselessly **promote** the welfare of young people everywhere.*

prompt

v. move to act; incite; give rise to; assist with a reminder

*The accident will **prompt** a review of school safety policy.*

prone

a. inclined; lying face downward; having a tendency

*The increased number of livestock has caused pasture degradation, overgrazing and desertification in **prone** areas.*

propaganda

n. organization or plan for spreading a particular doctrine or a system of principles

*Art may be used as a vehicle for **propaganda**.*

prophecy

n. declaration of something to come; foretelling; prediction; knowledge of the future

*Anything that they can twist into a **prophecy** is a thing that they love to*

pass on.

proportion

n. percentage; quotient obtained when a part is divided by the whole; part considered in relation to the whole

*The requirements grow linearly, in **proportion** to the number of folk.*

prosecute

v. seek to obtain or enforce by legal action; carry out or participate in an activity; be involved in

*The decision to **prosecute** is totally up to the discretion of the police.*

prospect

n. possibility of future success; belief about future

*The number of people affected and displaced has increased since the conflict, and at the moment there seems little **prospect** for them to return to villages.*

protein

n. any of a large group of nitrogenous organic compounds that are essential constituents of living cells

*The proposal for genetic modification involves inserting a fluorescent **protein** into the virus.*

prototype

n. original work used as a model; original type

*He introduced universal health care for all MA citizens and his **prototype** was the blueprint for what Arnold was introducing in CA.*

provoke

v. stir to anger; give rise to; stir to action or feeling

*Today, another American legend, Mark Twain, celebrated for the power of his language and his ability to delight and **provoke**, is also under attack.*

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proximity

n. state of being proximate; nearness in place, time, or relation
*Blind people sometimes develop a compensatory ability to sense the **proximity** of objects around them.*

proxy

n. authority to act for another; agent or substitute
*We provide quality hosting accounts with premium bandwidth to ensure that your **proxy** is always up and running at top speeds.*

psychiatry

n. application of healing art to mental diseases; a branch of medicine of mental and emotional disorders
*Lieberman's biggest worry is that drug companies are getting out of the **psychiatry** business entirely, exiting a field that has helped a lot of patients.*

publication

n. act or process of publishing printed matter; communication of information to public
*This **publication** is accompanied by a beautiful exhibition in the van Gogh museum in Amsterdam.*

publish

v. make public; make known to mankind, or to people in general
*It is an honor to **publish** this extraordinary book.*

pulp

n. fruit flesh; any soft or soggy mass

*This fruit has a large seed and minimum amount of **pulp**.*

puncture

v. a small hole made by a sharp object; pierce with a pointed object; make a hole into

*If they get a nail, it is easy to **puncture** a tire.*

purity

n. condition of being pure; freedom from foreign admixture or deleterious matter; cleanness

*We can feel you, and your spirit - with will and energy, and virtue and **purity**.*

quaint

a. odd; old-fashioned; picturesque; unfamiliar or unusual in character

*The designs, which include flowers in **quaint** pale colors, give the notes a modern, clean look.*

qualify

v. make such as is required; give added or requisite qualities to; make legally capable

*They note that half of pupils will fail to **qualify** for secondary school.*

quarry

n. victim; object of hunt; hunted animal

*You mention you intend to start hunting, but you didn't say whether your **quarry** is small game or medium game.*

queer

a. odd or unconventional, as in behavior; eccentric; mysterious; suspicious; questionable

*I slept in **queer** places, and ate odd things, and met strange faces.*

quota

n. limitation on imports; ration; prescribed number

*Ideally the campaigners want to push a new bill of introduction of a legal **quota** for women MPs.*

racket

n. device consisting of an oval frame with a tight interlaced network of strings and a handle; wooden paddle, as one used in table tennis

*I mean, is it really possible for every soldier in the world to drop his or her rifle and pick up a tennis **racket** instead?*

radical

a. drastic; extreme; arising from or going to a root or source; basic

*President Correa has shown he is determined to follow a **radical** program of reforms to tackle poverty in Ecuador.*

radius

n. right line drawn or extending from the center of a circle to the periphery

*The police searched all the woods within a six-mile **radius**.*

raft

n. a flat float made of logs or planks; a large number or amount or extent

*They saw a fire smouldering upon a great **raft** a hundred yards above, and they went stealthily thither and helped themselves to a chunk.*

ragged

a. torn; worn; having an irregular surface or edge; uneven or jagged in outline

*They think of the word only as connected with **ragged** clothes and scanty food: poverty for me was synonymous with degradation.*

rail

v. scold; express objections or criticisms in bitter, harsh, or abusive language

*You may **rail** at him all you want; you will never change him.*

ratio

n. relation which one quantity or magnitude has to another of the same kind; rate; proportion

*Men outnumber women here in the **ratio** of three to one.*

rave

v. speak wildly, irrationally; speak or write with wild enthusiasm

*The fact is nobody takes them seriously when they **rave** about their ideal.*

reap

v. gain; harvest a crop from; get or derive; obtain as a result of effort

I will **reap** large profits from my new invention.

reassure

v. give or restore confidence in; cause to feel sure or certain

*It needed a compromise, a plan that would **reassure** the business community that it isn't abandoning economic reform even if the pace is slower.*

recipient

n. receiver; one that receives or is receptive

*If someone slaps another, the **recipient** is often motivated to respond with greater force.*

recital

n. detailed account or description of something

*He was forced to listen to a **recital** of his many shortcomings.*

recite

v. repeat, as something already prepared, written down, committed to memory; rehearse, as a lesson to an instructor

*When they came to **recite** their lessons, not one of them knew his verses perfectly, but had to be prompted all along.*

reclaim

v. bring into or return to a suitable condition for use; claim back; make useful again

*To **reclaim** the Constitution from conservatives, we must realize that there is no such thing as a neutral method of interpreting the Constitution.*

reconcile

v. correct inconsistencies; become friendly after a quarrel;
become compatible or consistent
*Nothing could ever again **reconcile** him to his enemy.*

recruit

v. enlist; register formally as a participant; engage for military service

*Any disappointment of employers who came to **recruit** is a reflection of the state's tough economy.*

rectify

v. set right; correct by calculation or adjustment

*Probably the most costly to **rectify** is that caused by toxic chemicals entering the water supply.*

redeem

v. purchase back; regain possession of by payment; ransom or rescue from captivity; pay penalty; make amends for

*He was trying to **redeem** himself for his earlier failure.*

redundant

a. exceeding what is necessary or natural; repetitious; excessively wordy

*He said certain staff had been identified as **redundant** owing to technological efficiencies and improvements.*

reel

n. frame with radial arms, or a kind of spool, turning on axis, on which threads or lines are wound

*The **reel** of silk has run smoothly enough so far; but I always knew there*

would come a knot and a puzzle.

referendum

n. direct popular vote on a proposed law or constitutional amendment; note from a diplomat to his government requesting instructions

*Whatever Turkey's direction, or directions, the result of the **referendum** was a hit in at least two arenas of Turkish life on Monday morning.*

refrain

v. abstain from; resist; hold oneself back

*Whenever he heard a song with a lively chorus, Sol could never **refrain** from joining in.*

refreshing

a. invigorating; energizing; pleasantly new or different

*White is also cooling and **refreshing**, which is why people love to wear it in hot weather.*

refund

n. repayment of fund; an amount repaid

*When they do that, their **refund** is automatically credited to their bank account.*

refusal

n. act of refusing; denial of anything demanded

*I suffered a blunt **refusal** when I called him.*

regime

n. form of government; government in power; administration; prevailing social system or pattern

*State Department officials insisted that, privately, the Yeltsin **regime** is still willing to cooperate in the search for peace.*

region

n. province; district; tract; neighborhood; the upper air; sky or heavens; inhabitants of a district

*All in that **region** was fire and commotion.*

List 24

reign

n. sovereignty; rule; dominance or widespread influence

*51-year-old Tuheitia Paki is the eldest son of the previous monarch, who died last week at the age of 75, after a **reign** of 40 years.*

relapse

n. falling back into a former state, especially becoming worse

*He handed in his resignation at once--and that night the Judge suffered a **relapse** and died.*

relay

n. act of passing something along from one person, group, or station to another

*Second connection to the **relay** is a cable to the network port on the PC.*

relentless

a. unmoved by appeals for sympathy or forgiveness; insensible to distresses of others; unyielding

*The well-known face was there: stern, **relentless** as ever - there was that peculiar eye which nothing could melt.*

relevant

a. pertinent; having connection with matter at hand

*The only way for a value brand like ours to remain **relevant** is to provide innovation that sets us apart.*

reluctant

a. not wanting to take some action; averse

*Economists say the unemployment rate could climb as high as 10.5 percent next year because employers remain **reluctant** to hire.*

remedy

n. a medicine or therapy; ; cure; fix; repair; provide relief for

*Their **remedy** is a cut in production to curtail the extent to which the members are exceeding their agreed quotas, something they have been doing in order to prevent shortages arising as a result of the war in Iraq.*

remorse

n. pain of a guilty conscience; feeling of deep regret

*Ah, said Bernard, my **remorse** is all gone, and yet I think I love you about as much as ever!*

renaissance

n. revival; renewal; revival of learning and culture

*But he will be remembered as the man who led Italy's industrial **renaissance** after the damage inflicted on the country during the Second World War.*

rendezvous

n. meeting at a prearranged time and place; popular gathering place; prearranged meeting point for troops or ships

*They set off in a private plane from California anticipating a happy family ski trip to Montana - a **rendezvous** with grandparents.*

renowned

a. famous; celebrated for great achievements, for distinguished qualities

*In Europe, the French are **renowned** for their cooking.*

reptile

n. cold-blooded vertebrate including tortoises turtles snakes
lizards alligators crocodiles

*The majority of **reptile** species are egg-laying although certain species of squamates are capable of giving live birth.*

resemblance

n. likeness; similarity in appearance or external or superficial
details

*The **resemblance** is undeniable, from the massive arch to the carved
pillars.*

resemble

v. be similar to; take after; look like

*John does not at all **resemble** his father, and I am glad of it: John is like
me and like my brothers--he is quite a Gibson.*

resign

v. sign back; return by a formal act; yield to another; abandon

*He decided to **resign** his claim to the copyright.*

resignation

n. act of resigning or giving up, as a claim, possession, or
office; surrender

*He informed that his **resignation** was effective immediately and never
back office once more.*

resolution

n. determination; resolving to do something; formal statement of a decision

*Nothing could shake his **resolution** that his children would get the best education that money could buy.*

resource

n. materials; abilities; available source

*Still she went on growing, and, as a last **resource**, she put one arm out of the window, and one foot up the chimney.*

restless

a. never resting; unquiet; uneasy; continually moving; eager for change; discontented

*Sometimes it is the only calm place in **restless** times.*

restrain

v. keep under control; hold back ; place limits on

*No one had leisure to watch or **restrain** them.*

retail

a. selling of goods to consumers

*A lot has been said about the massive influence of the US **retail** group Wal-Mart.*

retain

v. keep; maintain possession of; hire by payment of a fee; keep in mind; remember

*I read over 100 books a year, and what I **retain** is usually the general storyline and my impression of the characters.*

retrieve

v. recover; find and bring in; get back

*They say the more they talk to these detainees, the more tips and evidence they **retrieve** from the area.*

revelation

n. act of revealing or disclosing to others what was unknown before; manifestation of divine truth

*He cannot see that the power of religion, especially belief in **revelation**, is weaker today than it was in any other epoch in human history.*

revenue

n. money which returns from an investment; annual income; reward

*The government's **revenue** is made up chiefly of the money we pay in taxes.*

revolution

n. act of revolving; motion of body round a fixed point or line; rotation; total or radical change; fundamental change in political organization

*The invention of aircraft caused a **revolution** in our ways of travelling.*

revolve

v. turn or roll round on, or as on, an axis, like a wheel; rotate; move in curved path round a center; pass in cycles

*All of the company **revolve** around the project this month.*

rhetorical

a. relating to skill of using language effectively and persuasively; insincere in language

*To win his audience; the speaker used every **rhetorical** trick in the book.*

rhythm

n. pattern; beat; recurring at regular intervals

*The task now was to restore the country to its usual **rhythm** of life, she said.*

rigid

a. stiff and unyielding; strict; hard and unbending; not flexible

*Without integration, we are stuck in **rigid**, inflexible states and to face chaotic feeling or thought.*

rim

n. border, edge, or margin of a thing, usually of something circular or curving

*She put a flower on the **rim** of the hat.*

rival

v. compete; be equal to in quality or ability; match

*The new company, to be called Sony BMG, will have roughly a quarter of global sales and will **rival** Universal Music for the number one spot.*

roam

v. wander; ramble; stroll

*Sometimes known as Europe's tiger, the continent's only native wild cat does **roam** Spain, Portugal and southern France.*

roar

n. bellow; rumble; make a loud noise

*Although it was filmed from a distance, the **roar** as it thrust upwards was clearly audible.*

rumour

n. piece of unverified information of uncertain origin usually spread by word of mouth

*If the **rumour** is true, there is no reason to believe that Skype will be free this month.*

rust

v. become destroyed by water, air, or an etching chemical such as an acid

*The steady dripping of water will **rust** the metal stopper of the sink in one year.*

ruthless

a. pitiless; cruel; having no compassion or pity; merciless

*The rule of the strongest and most **ruthless** is what happens when honest citizens are deprived of the right and ability to defend themselves.*

saddle

v. load or burden; put harness onto animal's back to ride

*Rainy days happen, and your mother is wrong to **saddle** you with the risk.*

saline

a. salty; containing salt; of or relating to chemical salts

*You can purchase a **saline** solution in the drug store.*

salute

n. give a sign of good will; compliment by an act or ceremony, as a kiss, a bow; honor

*There are no such things as marble kisses or ice kisses, or I should say my cousin's **salute** belonged to one of these classes.*

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salvage

v. save from loss or destruction; rescue of a ship; save for further use

*He doesn't want to admit it yet, but the legacy he's so desperately trying to **salvage** is already broken down.*

sanity

n. condition or quality of being sane; soundness of health of body or mind, especially of the mind

*The speaker asserts that something exists beneath language -- like bedrock beneath the skyscrapers, a **sanity** even beneath the dizziness.*

sarcasm

n. cutting, often ironic remark intended to wound; stinging rebuke; form of humor by mocking with irony

*Your **sarcasm** is appreciated but what I'm trying to say is that both campaigns have been painting very dark pictures of each other.*

savage

a. in a state of nature; wild; untamed; uncultivated; inhuman; brutal; not civilized; lacking polish; rude

*Only the tribesmen increased their clamor, war-drums booming and voices raised in **savage** folk songs.*

scalpel

n. a small knife with a thin, keen blade, used by surgeons, and in dissecting

*He handed me the **scalpel** and stepped aside from the patient, offering me*

the prestigious first cut on the patient.

scatter

v. sprinkle; disseminate; cause to separate and go in different directions

*Still, it's kind of hilarious to watch them **scatter** from the light.*

scenery

n. landscape; view; view or views of natural features, especially in open country

*Switzerland isn't limited to beautiful **scenery**; it has beautiful men too .*

scope

n. range of one's perceptions, thoughts, or actions; extent; bound

*This group was within the **scope** of an investigation.*

scrap

n. small piece or bit; fragment; fragment; leftover bits of food; remnant

*The EU recently shredded old euro coins and sent the **scrap** nickel and copper to China.*

scrape

v. gather something together over time; scratch repeatedly

*We went tiptoeing along a path amongst the trees, stooping down so as the branches wouldn't **scrape** our heads.*

scrutiny

n. close examination; minute inspection; critical observation.

*The conclusions drawn from this **scrutiny** he partially expressed in his succeeding observations.*

sculpture

n. statue; creating figures or designs in three dimensions

*A small urban park in the downtown area has been hosting innovative contemporary **sculpture** installations since 1981.*

secondary

a. not of major importance; of second rank or importance or value; not direct or immediate

*For several other papers, it's a **secondary** item to be relegated below the content of the president's interview.*

seemingly

ad. apparently; supposedly

*The new eleven hour curfew has been brought in by an administration **seemingly** desperate to stop what has now become a wave of demonstrations against King Gyanendra, his son Crown Prince Paras and increasingly, in favor of a republic.*

segment

n. sector; portion; any of the parts into which something can be divided

*At the end of this year they will finish the final **segment** of the road.*

select

a. taken from a number by preference; picked out as more valuable or excellent than others; of special value or excellence

*This is a very **select** area; you have to be rich to live here.*

sensible

a. able to feel or perceive; perceivable; wise; showing reason or sound judgment

*A spokesman for the airline said the passengers were innocent in the issue and she hoped the staff would be more **sensible** than to take industrial action.*

sentiment

n. thought prompted by passion or feeling; feeling toward or respecting; disposition prompting to action or expression

*However this **sentiment** is also shared by most of my male friends, a significant portion of whom are game lovers.*

septic

a. of the seventh degree or order; act of causing to rot; causing sepsis or putrefaction

*With your luck you'll get stuck behind a propane truck, or even worse a **septic** truck, the entire way up the hill.*

sequence

n. serial arrangement in which things follow in logical order or a recurrent pattern

*Scientists unveiled the genome **sequence** of rice - a tool of great potential use to researchers trying to develop new strains of rice with higher yields.*

setback

n. unanticipated or sudden check in progress; change from better to worse; obstacle, delay, or disadvantage

*I wouldn't have scheduled the conference if I thought it would cause you a **setback**.*

shabby

a. torn or worn to rags; poor; mean; ragged

*A new-comer of any age or either sex was an impressive curiosity in the poor little **shabby** village of St. Petersburg.*

shaft

n. axes; vertical passage into a mine; long narrow stem or body of a spear or arrow

*We don't know if we're going down to the ground floor or to the basement or whether the entire lift **shaft** is empty and we're plunging to our doom.*

shatter

v. destroy; break up; break into many pieces

*We saw the wine glass **shatter**.*

sheer

a. very thin or transparent; very steep; absolute or pure

*Wearing nothing but an almost **sheer** robe, Delilah draped herself against the very steep temple wall.*

shiver

v. shake with or as if with cold; tremble; break into fragments or splinters

*I **shiver** as I stand smoking on the lawn, listening to the birds talk to each other in autumn wind.*

shovel

n. tool consisting of a broad scoop, or hollow blade, with a handle, used for lifting and throwing loose substances

He put a **shovel** of coal on to the fire.

shred

n. a small amount; a long, narrow piece cut or torn off; long irregular strip that is cut or torn off

*We cannot afford to lose our reputation, not even a **shred** of our reputation.*

shuttle

n. public transport that consists of a bus or train or airplane that run between two points; spacecraft

*The **shuttle** burned up while re-entering the earth's atmosphere on Saturday and any debris will be important in finding out why.*

siege

n. seat, especially a royal seat; throne; rank; grade; sitting before a fortified place; surrounding or investing of a place by army

*To me the most alarming feature of the **siege** is short rations.*

sigh

v. inhale air than immediately expel it; make a deep single respiration, especially to express fatigue, exhaustion, grief, or sorrow

*Nobody ever said anything for a while; then the young man hove a **sigh** and says: "Alas!"*

skeleton

n. framework; internal supporting structure that gives an artifact its shape

*The building has a steel **skeleton**.*

skim

v. pass near surface of; brush surface of; glide swiftly along surface of; read or examine rapidly, in order to cull the principal facts

*It took me an hour to **skim** the book of 100 pages.*

slander

n. defamation; false and malicious statement or report about someone

*I have proven that you **slander** the gay community.*

slate

n. any rock or stone that is thin and flat, for roofing or covering houses

*"Here, Bill! catch hold of this rope - Will the roof bear? - Mind that loose **slate** - Oh, it's coming down! Heads below!"*

slaughter

n. act of killing; extensive, violent, bloody, or wanton destruction of life; carnage

*The real reason for this **slaughter** is they are over-fishing and want to kill the competition for the fish.*

slippery

a. smooth; being such as to cause things to slip or slide

*Because the sidewalks are very **slippery**, please be careful.*

slit

n. long, straight, narrow cut or opening; slot; pocket

*Peeking through a **slit** he spied a man hand a boy a baseball glove, though he could not see their faces.*

slogan

n. phrase used repeatedly, as in advertising or promotion

*I wish the exclamation mark had not been painted out, it would have made the **slogan** more forceful.*

slope

v. be at an angle; incline; gradient

*"Shucks! what do you want to **slope** for?" "Well, I am not used to that kind of a crowd."*

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slot

n. broad, flat, wooden bar; slat or slot; narrow opening; slit;
position of employment

*Then GE set a firm rule: Its companies had to occupy the first or second **slot** in their market segments or get out.*

smash

v. break in pieces by violence; dash to pieces; crush

*The lock was rusty, so we had to **smash** the door open.*

smother

v. conceal or hide; envelop completely; extinguish; deprive of
the oxygen necessary for combustion

*They try to **smother** fires as soon as possible.*

smuggle

v. import or export without paying customs duties

*She wanted to **smuggle** cigarettes across the border.*

snatch

v. grasp or seize hastily, eagerly, or suddenly

*A lot of the more mature people come down and **snatch** up the jobs;
students have less chances in summer markets.*

soak

v. cause or suffer to lie in a fluid; absorb; drain; drink
intemperately or gluttonously

Mr. Leon said he tries figure out how to get the students to **soak** up the information, not just for tests, but for life.

sociology

n. branch of philosophy which treats of the constitution, phenomena, and development of human society; social science
*She has degrees in **sociology**, psychology and is "a recognized expert" in the field of diversity training.*

soil

n. material in the surface of the earth
*Crucially, after it was uncovered, the landowner placed damp **soil** over it to protect.*

solar

a. of or relating to the sun
*Some scientists believe that comets hold the most primitive materials in the **solar** system and that they played a role in shaping some of the planets.*

solemn

a. serious; somber; deeply earnest, serious, and sober
*Finally, his expression **solemn**, he replied, You are a complex woman, Annabel, despite the fact that you sometimes behave like an impulsive child.*

solitary

a. isolated; existing, living, or going without others; alone; unaccompanied
*I cannot tell what sentiment haunted the quite **solitary** churchyard.*

souvenir

n. token of remembrance; memento; something of sentimental value

*The policemen have to search such a large area and then document each piece of wreckage and guard it from **souvenir** hunters.*

sow

v. plant; place seeds in or on

*You would **sow** the ground with sunflower seeds.*

span

n. duration; distance; cover; extent or measure of space between two points

*Scientists predict that the average human life **span** will grow to 130 years.*

sparkle

v. be brilliant in performance; give off or reflect flashes of light; glitter

*Their conversations **sparkle** all evening.*

specialize

v. mention specially; particularize; apply to some specialty or limited object

*I **specialize** in the sale of cotton piece goods; may I act as your agent?*

specimen

n. model; sample; an example regarded as typical of its class

*They collected a urine **specimen** for analysis.*

spectacle

n. demonstration; show

*It's Children's Day today; already they're limbering up to show off the dances that make this event such a **spectacle**.*

spectator

n. observer; audience; one who looks on

*I no longer waited with interest for the curtain to rise; my attention was absorbed by the **spectator**.*

spectrum

n. colored band produced when beam of light passes through a prism; a range of values

*The FCC plans to obtain **spectrum** from a number of sources, including the Wireless Communications Service Band and the Advanced Wireless Services Band.*

speculate

v. assume to be true without conclusive evidence; engage in buying or selling of a commodity for profit

*Now, as to whether some people will probably **speculate** is Fidel Castro coming back to power, I definitely wouldn't go that far, but I think we can fairly say that the Cuban government wants to project an image of him as alive and well*

sphere

n. ball; globe; a particular aspect of life or activity

*I feel more inclination to put you in the way of keeping yourself, and shall endeavor to do so; but observe, my **sphere** is narrow.*

spiral

a. rotary; curled; moving in a zigzag course; moving in shape of a coil

*This housing market is in a downward **spiral** and I've got to re-think my strategy.*

splash

v. cause fluid to scatter in flying masses; strike and dash about, as water, mud

*Their manure, which emerges as a liquid, tends to **splash** everywhere, including into milking equipment.*

spokesman

n. man who speaks on behalf of another or others

*He is the **spokesman** of the council.*

sponsor

n. one who binds himself to answer for another, and is responsible for his default; godfather or godmother

*A wealthy **sponsor** came to our rescue with a generous donation.*

spotlight

n. lamp that produces a strong beam of light to illuminate a restricted area; focus of public attention

*No single nation wants to be put in the **spotlight** as the swing vote that could give the US the nine votes to get a new resolution through.*

spouse

n. man or woman engaged or joined in wedlock; married person, husband or wife

*Job is available for **spouse** on campus and in the community.*

spur

v. urge a horse; incite or stimulate; ride quickly by spurring a horse; proceed in haste

*A business tax cut is needed to **spur** industrial investment.*

stabilize

v. become stable or more stable

*They'd been pumping liquid air and nitrogen into the submerged tanks of the platform to try to **stabilize** it but, with steep waves, they were fighting a losing battle.*

stack

n. an orderly pile; heap; a large number ; arrange in pile

*Sometimes a **stack** of people would come there, horseback, from ten or fifteen mile around, and stay five or six days, and have such junketings round about and on the river, and dances and picnics in the woods daytimes, and balls at the house nights.*

stadium

n. large, usually open structure for sports events with tiered seating for spectators

*The main **stadium** is potentially one of the most important venues for attracting jobs and investment to the Olympic Park in east London.*

stain

n. soiled or discolored; symbol of disgrace or infamy; natural spot of a color different from the ground

*She already has drawn 5 tattoos upon her body as well as this neck permanent skin **stain** is 6th one.*

stale

a. having lost freshness; lacking originality or spontaneity
*What was old and getting **stale** is now reborn into something entirely different.*

startle

v. move suddenly, or be excited; excite by sudden alarm, surprise
*Even the least noise would still **startle** the timid child.*

starve

v. hunger; deprive of food
*The political prisoners might **starve** to death.*

static

a. having no motion; being at rest; fixed; stationary
*To claim that the English language will remain **static** is false.*

stationery

n. paper cut to right size for writing letters; writing materials and office supplies
*These **stationery** pages, available in Microsoft Word format, are easy to personalize and print.*

statistics

n. a branch of applied mathematics concerned with the collection and interpretation of quantitative data
*Potential recruits will be encouraged to use an online tool to test their motivational profile and will be enticed by **statistics** claiming more than*

one thousand different jobs in the army across one hundred and forty different trades.

statute

n. law enacted by legislature; decree or edict, as of a ruler
*New York's eminent domain **statute** is virtually capital punishment for property owners.*

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steep

v. soak; make thoroughly wet

*Be sure to **steep** the fabric in the dye bath for the full time prescribed.*

stem

v. stop flow of a liquid; make headway against

*They all hoped that he managed to **stem** the rebellion in two weeks.*

stem

v. arise; have or take origin or descent

*Milton's problems in school **stem** from his poor study habits.*

stereo

n. stereophonic sound-reproduction system

*Two boxes of **stereo** equipment were stolen from a residence.*

stereotype

n. fixed and unvarying representation; conventional and oversimplified conception

*As a parent of two sons with Tourette syndrome, I have spent 10 years fighting this kind of **stereotype** while watching my children struggle for acceptance.*

sterling

n. any English coin of standard value; coined money

*Available in **sterling** silver and 10-karat gold, the pendant retails for \$115 and \$420, respectively, at the online store.*

stern

a. hard, harsh, or severe in manner or character; firm or unyielding

*The Commission's report is meant to fire a **stern** warning at the payments card industry.*

stitch

v. sew; knit; fasten or join with or as if with thread

*Three hours she gave to **stitch**, with gold thread, the border of a square crimson cloth, almost large enough for a carpet.*

stoop

v. bend forward and down from the waist or the middle of the back

*She found her head pressing against the ceiling, and had to **stoop** to save her neck from being broken.*

straightforward

a. proceeding in a straight course or manner; not deviating; honest; frank.

*But a simple and **straightforward** apology would have been better.*

strap

n. belt; band that goes over the shoulder and supports a garment or bag

*The **strap** was broke off of it, but, barring that, it was a good enough leg, though it was too long for me and not long enough for Jim, and we couldn't find the other one, though we hunted all around.*

strategic

a. important or essential in relation to a plan of action; essential to the effective conduct of war; highly important to an intended objective

*The document laid out a long-term **strategic** plan to dismantle Social Security.*

stride

n. step; pace; significant progress

*Some people find retiring difficult; but he has taken it all in his **stride**.*

striking

a. dramatic; outstanding; arresting attention and producing a vivid impression

*What's most **striking** is that the world as a whole has made remarkable progress against hunger, poverty and disease.*

stripe

n. a kind or category; band; ribbon

*Businessmen of every **stripe** joined in opposition to the proposal.*

stuffing

n. material used for filling cushion, mattress, or others

*If the **stuffing** isn't to be dry, you need some sort of soft vegetable or melting cheese.*

stumble

v. miss a step and fall or nearly fall; walk unsteadily

*They crowded together and didn't care to sob or **stumble**: the confusion*

was inextricable.

submarine

n. submersible warship; move forward or under in a sliding motion; underwater

*Without British help it's clear the Russian **submarine** would have perished at the bottom of the Pacific Ocean.*

submit

v. refer for judgment or consideration; hand in; present

*What I **submit** is a dialogue that respects the humanity of both parties.*

substantial

a. fairly large; in essentials; material; true or real; not imaginary; solidly built

*Both the north and south are hoping for **substantial** progress at that meeting which starts on Tuesday.*

sufficient

a. adequate; enough; being as much as is needed

*Then the scanty supply of food was distressing: with the keen appetites of growing children, we had scarcely **sufficient** to keep alive a delicate invalid.*

sum

n. mount or whole of any number of individuals or particulars added together; amount

*Individual accomplishments are important, but the **sum** is always greater in value than the individual parts.*

summary

n. brief statement that presents the main points

*He gave a **summary** of the conclusions.*

summon

v. call, bid, or cite; notify to come to appear; call upon to surrender

*The shareholders **summon** to a general meeting.*

superb

a. of unusually high quality; excellent; wonderful

*Miami head coach Eric says all three of his star players showed up to training camp in **superb** shape.*

superficial

a. trivial; of little substance; involving a surface only

*We give higher ratings to job applicants who are like us in **superficial** and irrelevant ways: as went to same school or share same religion.*

superstition

n. excessive reverence for, or fear of, that which is unknown or mysterious; worship of a false god; false religion

*It's a common **superstition** that black cats are unlucky.*

supervise

v. administer; direct

*Always **supervise** children near water; always keep watch when children are in and around any water.*

suppress

v. put down by force or authority; overwhelm; keep from being revealed

*What they **suppress** is far more important than what they report.*

surge

n. outburst; roll or be tossed about on waves, as a boat

*Provided the mission concludes successfully though, the state media are likely to fuel a **surge** of triumphant patriotism.*

surplus

a. remainder; more than is needed; quantity much larger than is needed; remaining

*Bush said the **surplus** is the people's money not the government.*

survey

n. poll; detailed critical inspection

*A Bank of Israel **survey** has now shown that the number of families living below the poverty line in Israel tripled between 1988 and 2001.*

susceptible

a. easily influenced; having little resistance, as to a disease; receptive to

*We don't really know how our current immunization schedule might affect certain **susceptible** populations.*

suspend

v. hang freely; postpone; delay

*As the warning of earthquake, a number of train and subway lines had to **suspend** services.*

suspense

n. uncertain cognitive state; uncertainty

*He covered his head with the bedclothes and waited in a horror of **suspense** for his doom.*

suspension

n. temporary delay, interruption, or cessation

*The headmaster has made a decision of **suspension** of a pupil from school.*

sustain

v. admit as valid; keep in existence; lengthen or extend in duration or space

*How can a country like Spain **sustain** the millions of migrants who were losing their jobs in 2009 and provide them with the same welfare state Spaniards can access in times of economic crisis?*

sway

v. swing; move back and forth or sideways; win approval or support for; convince

*At this moment the crowd began to **sway** and struggle, and voices shouted, "It's him! it's him! he's coming himself!"*

swift

a. quick; moving or capable of moving with great speed

*Commission says it supports the **swift** progress on the reform agenda.*

sympathetic

a. expressing compassion or friendly fellow feelings; approving;

having similar disposition and tastes

*With their many similar tastes, he found her a most **sympathetic** companion.*

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symphony

n. large orchestra; harmony, especially of sound or color
*We heard the Vienna **symphony** yesterday.*

symptom

n. sign; indication; any sensation or change in bodily function that is experienced by a patient
*A patient's primary **symptom** is that he has pain in his shoulder up to his neck and down the right side of his body and is also feeling a little short of breath.*

synthetic

a. artificial; involving or of the nature of synthesis as opposed to analysis
*Limnology is essentially a **synthetic** science composed of elements.*

tackle

n. apparatus for raising or lowering heavy weights, consisting of a rope and pulley blocks; stopping an opposing player carrying the ball
*She can't fly through the air to dunk a basketball, can't break a **tackle** and sprint to the end zone.*

tactic

n. plan for attaining a particular goal; action calculated to achieve some end
*Among divorcing couples, this **tactic** is a way to keep one spouse from getting at the asset.*

tame

a. domesticated; very restrained or quiet; make less strong or intense; soften

*While inflation is relatively **tame**, which is good for consumers, real wages are falling.*

tar

n. sailor or seaman; thick, black, viscous liquid obtained by the distillation of wood, coal

*Ammonia, coal **tar** and coke are all by-products obtained in the manufacture of coal gas.*

technician

n. one skilled particularly in the technical details of work

*The touch-screen machine was not working until a **technician** arrived to fix.*

tedious

a. tiresome by reason of length, slowness, or dullness; progressing very slowly

*Truckers say a ban would slow deliveries and make what they call a **tedious** job worse.*

tempo

n. beat or speed of music; rate or rhythm of activity; pace

*This **tempo** is not sustainable - and you have failed to grow the ground forces to meet national security needs.*

temptation

n. act of tempting, or enticing to evil; seduction

*He took himself out of **temptation** by driving the other boys together and joining them.*

tendency

n. trend; a general direction in which something tends to move

*When you choose pants you should remember that some fabric with a **tendency** to shrink.*

terminate

v. stop; bring to an end or halt

*The attack would **terminate** the relatively peaceful period after cold war.*

terrain

n. piece of ground having specific characteristics or military potential; area of land; ground

*Lots of hunting areas have roads closed to vehicles, the **terrain** is all flat so it makes it a lot easier.*

territorial

a. pertaining to territory or land; limited to a certain district

*The two countries had a **territorial** dispute over which one owned the island.*

text

n. written words; book prepared for use in schools or colleges

*A controversial new edition of a Japanese history **text** book has been chosen by a public school board for use in its schools.*

thaw

v. melt, such as snow and ice; defrost; warm weather following a freeze

*The tipping point may begin to **thaw** if the global temperature has a rise of two degrees Celsius.*

thereby

ad. thus; accordingly; by that means; because of that

*They hunger and thirst no more; all their wants are supplied, and all the uneasiness caused **thereby** is removed.*

thermal

a. relating to or caused by heat; designed to help retain heat

*As I already mentioned, ocean is not in **thermal** equilibrium with atmosphere, it is 13 degrees cooler.*

thermometer

n. instrument for measuring temperature

*The readings on my **thermometer** last month were well above the average.*

thermostat

n. device, as in a home heating system, a refrigerator, or an air conditioner, that automatically responds to temperature changes

*Now that it's November, our office **thermostat** is set lower - some might say, chilly, or even, perhaps, freezing.*

thesis

n. paper; dissertation; an unproved statement put forward as a premise in an argument

*A good **thesis** makes the difference between a thoughtful research project*

and a simple retelling of facts.

thigh

n. part of the leg between the hip and the knee

*A painful, burning sensation on the outer side of the **thigh** may mean that one of the large sensory nerves to your legs.*

thirst

n. sensation of dryness in the throat

*I satisfied my **thirst** with a glass of water.*

threshold

n. entrance; starting point for a new state or experience

*His proposal to lower the **threshold** for the top rate of tax has split opinion within his coalition.*

thrive

v. make steady progress; prosper; flourish

*The easy way for a group to **thrive** is to have an active web presence getting its message out.*

throbbing

a. beating or pounding strongly

*When the band plays "Time to Get Ill," the Garden is shaking, the cameras are vibrating and you can almost feel the bass **throbbing** in your body.*

thrust

n. push; force used in pushing ; activity or idea is the main or essential thing it expresses

*The main **thrust** of the new government wasn't a secret so there's little*

here that will cause shock waves.

tide

n. periodic rise and fall of the sea level

*When the **tide** is at the highest it will turn, and so it will when it is at the lowest.*

tidy

a. being in proper time; timely; arranged in good order; orderly; appropriate; neat; kept in proper

*By this time she had found her way into a **tidy** little room with a table in the window.*

tighten

v. draw tighter; straiten; make closer in any manner.

*You can **tighten** the chain without tools, and the wide bar prevents overheating even in tough conditions.*

tile

n. flat thin rectangular slab used to cover surfaces; short length of pipe made of clay or concrete, used in sewers and drains

*She picked out all the fabrics and furniture and designed the patterns for the **tile** mosaics in her bathroom.*

tilt

n. slight but noticeable partiality; line or surface that departs from the vertical

*I request to adjust the **tilt** of my writing table.*

timber

n. wood; lumber; trees or wooded land considered as a source of wood

*The deer has been jumping the fence to go to the **timber** from the corn field.*

token

n. something intended or supposed to represent another thing; sign or symbol; memorial of friendship

*He gave me a necklace as a **token** of his affection.*

tolerance

n. capacity for or the practice of recognizing and respecting the beliefs or practices of others; capacity to endure hardship or pain

*Supporters of the party hope for a new era of pluralism including a new **tolerance** of religion in Turkey.*

toll

v. charge a fee for using; sound in slowly repeated single tones; announce or summon by ringing a bell

*We hear the church bell **toll** the hour again.*

tonic

n. something producing physical, mental, or emotional vigor

*It has also been proved to be a brain **tonic** and memory enhancer.*

tornado

n. cyclone; localized and violently destructive windstorm

*The **tornado** itself is the thin tube reaching from the cloud to the ground.*

touchy

a. tending to take offense with slight cause; oversensitive; requiring special tact or skill in handling

*When I rejected that as nonsense, he accused me of being **touchy**.*

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tournament

n. contest; sporting competition in which contestants play a series of games to decide the winner

*At the beginning of this **tournament** no-one in their wildest dreams had ever imagine their team would hold the cup aloft at the end of the final match.*

tow

v. draw or pull behind by a chain or line

*The tugboat will **tow** the barge away before sunset.*

trait

n. quality; attribute; distinguishing feature; slight degree or amount

*Of all of these characteristics, Bilbo's strongest **trait** is his humanity; he is with a big heart and generous spirit.*

traitor

n. one who violates his allegiance and betrays his country

*He was surprised to discover that his best friend had turned **traitor**.*

transaction

n. deal; communication involving two or more people that affects all those involved

*The Euro made its debut in the financial markets three years ago and it has been an option for any non-cash **transaction** ever since.*

transcript

n. reproduction of a written record as a legal or school record

*When applying for this job, please include your latest **transcript** in package.*

transform

v. change in outward structure or looks; convert

*He wants to **transform** into a monster.*

transit

n. act of passing; passage through or over; line or route of passage

*The **transit** was damaged by flood; we were blocked at a remote mountain village.*

transition

n. going from one state of action to another

*We are in **transition** from an empire to a republic.*

transmission

n. act of transmitting; automotive assembly of gears; sending of a signal

*We now interrupt our normal **transmission** to bring you a special news flash.*

transparent

a. easily detected; permitting light to pass through freely

*John's pride in his son is **transparent**; no one who sees the two of them together can miss it.*

treaty

n. act of treating for the adjustment of differences; negotiation
*The Government has signed a **treaty** with Moscow.*

trek

n. travel; journey or leg of a journey, especially when slow or difficult

*The next stop on the **trek** is an art museum in which you use your hands to get a feel for a sculpture's shape.*

tremble

v. shake involuntarily, as with fear, cold, or weakness; quake; quiver; shiver; shudder

*I **tremble** to see his danger, because the similar scenario is coming to me.*

trench

n. canal; deep furrow or ditch; long, steep-sided valley on the ocean floor

*The way he builds up the segments of the **trench** is really amazing.*

trend

n. popular taste; general direction in which something tends to move

*Only late last year, Air Canada seemed to be contradicting the downward **trend** affecting US-based airlines by posting profits.*

trespass

v. unlawfully enter boundaries of some else's property; commit an offense or a sin

*After meeting Thailand's foreign minister, Cambodia's prime minister, said armed clashes would erupt if Thai troops continued to **trespass** over the border.*

trifle

n. a thing of very little value or importance

*Then Tom traded a couple of white alleys for three red tickets, and some small **trifle** or other for a couple of blue ones.*

trim

v. clip; cut down to the desired size or shape

*It's part of a restructuring programme intended to **trim** operating costs by a billion dollars.*

triumph

n. victory; win; expressing great joy

*I am influenced; and the influence is sweeter than I can express; and the conquest I undergo has a witchery beyond any **triumph** I can win.*

trivial

a. unimportant; of little significance or value; ordinary; commonplace

*Mr Madhi escaped from Iran in February 2008 after being sentenced to 73 years in jail for what he described as a **trivial** charge.*

truce

n. suspension of arms of opposing forces; temporary quiet of action, pain, contest; period of no fighting takes place

*To put it in a different context, if the Taliban proposed a long term **truce** in Afghanistan, would US officials give it serious thought?*

trustworthy

a. dependable; reliable

*Tablets allow publishers to place these shops in the **trustworthy** environment of a newspaper, while offering the enhanced functionality of an online store.*

tug

v. pull or draw with great effort; draw along with continued exertion; haul along; tow

*She tried to **tug** my hand away.*

tuition

n. teaching pupils individually; fee for instruction, especially at a formal institution of learning

*Edmunds spent more than \$10,000 in **tuition** and testing licensing fees.*

tumble

v. fall down, as if collapsing

*On the river front some of the houses were sticking out over the bank; they was bowed and about ready to **tumble** in.*

turf

n. surface layer of earth containing a dense growth of grass; territory claimed by a juvenile gang as its own

*As the industry continues to consolidate, HP and IBM are encroaching on each other's **turf**.*

turmoil

n. state of extreme confusion or agitation; commotion or tumult

Clearly, the middle class is bearing the burden of this economy, one in **turmoil** from the housing and financial crises.

tutor

v. guide; give individual instruction

*She will **tutor** me in Spanish in the evening.*

twig

n. small branch or division of a branch

*Pretty soon I heard a **twig** snap down in the dark amongst the trees - something was a stirring.*

twilight

n. light perceived before the rising, and after the setting, of the sun; faint light; dubious or uncertain medium through which anything is viewed

*His walk soon becomes solitary, leading further and further into a wilderness where **twilight** is short and the shadows are dense.*

twinkle

v. open and shut the eye rapidly; blink; wink

*Stars **twinkle** in the sky above us, above you, and above them.*

ultimatum

n. last offer; final statement of terms made by one party to another

*He said it was a warning, not an **ultimatum**, aimed only at the bandits in the capital.*

unanimous

a. uniform; in complete agreement

*At last we got the **unanimous** decision.*

unconditional

a. made without condition; absolute; unreserved

*He closed his eyes for a moment, wondering what it would be like to have that kind of **unconditional** love and support.*

underlying

a. lying under or beneath something; basic; implicit; taking precedence; prior

*We face a combination of changes in **underlying** conditions not seen in almost a century.*

undermine

v. weaken by wearing away base or foundation; injure or impair; dig a mine or tunnel beneath

*What we should not allow this moment to **undermine**, is our commitment to South Africa, to the constitution and the reconstruction.*

undoubtedly

ad. unquestionably; without doubt; certainly

*She's against tough competition, but this award will give her **undoubtedly**.*

uneasy

a. not easy; difficult; restless; disturbed by pain, anxiety

*That made me pretty **uneasy** again, but only for a minute; I believed I would get that chance.*

unemployment

n. not having a job; condition of being unemployed; state of being unused

*The plan is ambitious: to reduce France's stubbornly high **unemployment** rate of ten percent.*

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unfold

v. extend or stretch out to a greater or the full length; happen
*At last it tried to **unfold** its arms, and took the hookah out of its mouth again.*

universal

a. affecting all; general; present everywhere; relating to the entire world or all within the world; worldwide
*This discovery of literature has as yet only partially penetrated the **universal** consciousness.*

unravel

v. undo or ravel knitted fabric of; separate and clarify; solve
*The problem I am trying to **unravel** is more complex than any others.*

upbringing

n. process of bringing up, nourishing, or maintaining; rearing and training received during childhood
*The researchers found that **upbringing** is an important factor in the investment behavior of young people.*

upright

a. in an erect position or posture; perpendicular; vertical, or nearly vertical; pointing upward
*"It is a very good height indeed!" said the Caterpillar angrily, rearing itself **upright** as it spoke.*

utility

n. something useful; public service

*All were eager to get a slice of Hong Kong's first privatized **utility** - its underground Mass Transit Railway system.*

utmost

n. farthest point or extremity; most distant; extreme

*The **utmost** I hope is, to save money enough out of my earnings to set up a school someday in a little house.*

utterly

ad. absolutely; completely

*Archbishop Tutu said scared car owners handed over the keys but were then shot dead in cold blood for the sheer hell of it -- **utterly**, gratuitously, and wantonly.*

vacant

a. void of thought or knowledge; without an occupant or incumbent

*"There has been an increase in **vacant** homes, so choices are many," Zhan says, "especially for a first-time home buyer."*

vacuum

n. empty area or space; electrical home appliance that cleans by suction

*In the meantime, though, there is a policy **vacuum**.*

vain

a. having no real substance, value, or importance; empty; void; worthless; unsatisfying

Israel, with our help, has the weapons of mass destruction for which Bush

looked in **vain** in Iraq.

valve

n. device or structure for controlling the flow of a fluid

*They're done to improve the health and vigor of people with heart **valve** diseases.*

vanish

v. disappear; pass out of sight, especially quickly; die out

*There is nothing that the U.S. government can do to make our economic pain **vanish** overnight.*

vanity

n. quality or state of being vain; emptiness; feelings of excessive pride; conceit

*Faking understanding of a foreign language is a common **vanity**.*

variety

n. diversity; quality or condition of being various or varied

*In contrast to Europe, the United States is considering a **variety** of laws which would regulate spam but essentially allow it.*

vegetarian

n. someone who doesn't eat meat or fish usually for religious or moral reasons

*Some evidence also suggests that **vegetarian** diets can improve mood and mental ability.*

veil

n. a length of cloth worn by women over the head, shoulders, and often the face; cover; hide

*The government and parliament are trying to put a **veil** on social and economic problems.*

vein

n. blood vessel that carries blood

*I now clapped my hands in sudden joy -- my pulse bounded, my **vein** thrilled.*

velocity

n. rapidity or speed of motion; swiftness

*Koryon flapped forward, dropping slightly to gain **velocity** from the dive.*

vent

n. small opening; means of escape or release; outlet; hole for the escape of gas or air

*A small volume of air can be felt when the chin **vent** is open.*

venture

v. put at risk; adventure

*"A cheap sort of present!" thought Alice. "I'm glad they don't give birthday presents like that!" But she did not **venture** to say it out loud.*

verbal

a. expressed in spoken rather than written words; consisting of words alone without action

*The police will have to find Milosevic associates linked to the killings, which are willing to testify in court that they received **verbal** orders from the top.*

verge

n. extreme edge or margin; border; enclosing boundary; space enclosed by such a boundary

*The entire row along the **verge** is laid and brought into line with the help of a string.*

versa

ad. used to state what you have just said is also true in the opposite order

*In my lifetime of investing, it is a conviction that has never been shaken: Reward is a function of risk, and vice **versa**.*

vertical

a. upright in position or posture; oriented vertically

*They saw a column still **vertical** amid the ruins.*

vessel

n. craft; ship; container for liquids

*The crew of the Southern Supporter, an Australian customs **vessel**, has finally arrived here in Cape Town harbor after an epic three-week chase through the treacherous southern ocean, dodging icebergs and high seas to arrest the crew of a ship caught poaching rare Patagonian tooth fish.*

veteran

n. someone who has given long service

*The **veteran** laughed at the new recruits.*

veto

n. rejection; vote that blocks a decision; deny; prohibit;

command against

*They avoid using the **veto** power, but that is clearly all they are willing to accept.*

via

ad. by the way of

*He flew to Europe **via** the North Pole.*

vicinity

n. state of being near in space or relationship; proximity

*He maintains that the Carson City **vicinity** is one of the most beautiful areas in the West.*

vigilant

a. attentive to discover and avoid danger, or to provide for safety; wakeful; watchful; circumspect; wary

*Picking stocks is tough enough, but amidst worries of a double-dip recession, be especially **vigilant** in what sectors you play.*

violate

v. treat in a violent manner; abuse; do violence to; disturb; interrupt

*I should be certain that whatever charter you might grant under coercion, your first act, when released, would be to **violate** its conditions.*

virtual

a. existing or resulting in essence or effect though not in actual fact; existing in mind, especially as a product of imagination

*Today, 100 bloggers are conducting a **virtual** protest to decry the large numbers of out-of-wedlock births in the black community.*

virtually

ad. almost completely; practically; essentially

*For Africa, right at the bottom of **virtually** every table - reducing infant mortality by two thirds and getting all its children into school look like an impossible dream until well into the twenty-second century.*

visible

a. being often in public eye; obvious to the eye

*The brightened comet in the constellation Virgo may even be **visible** to the naked eye, allowing members of the public around the world to join in this historic moment in astronomy.*

visualize

v. make visual, or visible; see in fancy; form a mental image of

*A business plan also allows investors to **visualize** the big picture, which helps maintain focus on the goals rather than on any minor setback.*

vivid

a. bright; lively; graphic; having striking color

*All that might sound as if it could be slightly irritating, but it isn't at all because it's written with tremendous verve and vigor - really short, fast, **vivid**, colorful sentences.*

volatile

a. tending to vary often or widely, as in price; inconstant or fickle; tending to violence

*Increases in **volatile** weather have alarming impact on business resources and insurance markets.*

volcano

n. fissure in the earth's crust through which molten lava and gases erupt

*Thousands of people living in villages closest to the **volcano** have already been moved to emergency shelters.*

voluntary

a. done or undertaken of one's own free will; unforced

*But can it be enforced? The answer technically is no - it's a **voluntary** agreement and there are no penalties for those who don't control wages.*

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vomit

v. throw up; eject from stomach through mouth; disgorge

*The mixture of drinks made me **vomit**; my stomach is uncomfortable so heavily.*

vulgar

a. common and coarse; relating to the common people with less cultivated or educated; lacking cultivation or refinement

*As if I would talk on such a subject! Our family always HATED cats: nasty, low, **vulgar** things! Don't let me hear the name again!*

wage

v. hazard on the event of a contest; stake; engage in, as a contest; adventure, or lay out, for hire or reward; hire; employ

*The government has pledged itself to **wage** a war against poverty and disease.*

wager

n. something deposited, laid, or hazarded on the event of a contest or an unsettled question; bet; stake

*Would you care to have a small **wager** on the game?*

weary

a. tired; exhausted; physically or mentally fatigued

*Dressed in a sport jacket and jeans, Louis Vartan stood with his arms crossed and an expression of **weary** horror on his face.*

weave

n. pattern or structure by weaving ; knit; interlace

*Hair **weave** can either enhance a hairstyle or give a completely different look.*

wedge

n. a piece of metal, or other hard material, thick at one end, and tapering to a thin edge at the other, used in splitting wood, rocks

*Senate Republican leader accused Democrats of driving a **wedge** between low and high income Americans.*

whereas

ad. while on the contrary; while at the same time

Whereas we want a flat, they would rather live in a house.

whilst

ad. while; at the same time

*Everybody clapped their hands and stomped on the floor like a perfect storm, **whilst** the king held up his head and smiled proud.*

wholesome

a. conducive to sound health or well-being; beneficial

*They can be made dairy free, still be delicious, and contain **wholesome** goodness.*

wilderness

n. a tract of land or region, uncultivated and uninhabited by human beings, whether a forest or a wide, barren plain; wild or desert

*Even a **wilderness** is a safer place than exposure to such evils, terrible as storm.*

withdraw

v. remove from; pull back; break from gathering; retreat; depart
*The four Southern African countries which had been calling for a limited trade in elephant tusks said that they had agreed to **withdraw** their request.*

withhold

v. refuse to give; refrain from giving, granting, or permitting; deduct from employee's salary
*The state wants to **withhold** from a medical procedure that appears just awful.*

withstand

v. stand up against; successfully resist; oppose with force or resolution
*The new material should **withstand** even the greatest wear and tear.*

worthwhile

a. sufficiently valuable; important to be worth one's time, effort, or interest
*A clever man persists through difficulties in the knowledge that nothing **worthwhile** is ever accomplished without effort.*

wrench

v. twist or turn suddenly and forcibly; move, extract, or force free by pulling violently
*She had to **wrench** free of her attacker and land a powerful kick to his kneecap.*

wrestle

v. contend by grappling with, and striving to trip or throw down an opponent; struggle or strive earnestly

*She clutched him with such strength; she could **wrestle** an ape to the ground.*

wretched

a. very miserable; sunk in, or accompanied by deep affliction or distress; calamitous; woeful; worthless

*"Well, I should like to be a LITTLE larger, sir, if you wouldn't mind," said Alice: "three inches is such a **wretched** height to be."*

wrinkle

n. a minor difficulty; a slight depression in the smoothness of a surface

*This new **wrinkle** is even more disturbing to me, I have to say.*

yarn

n. woolen thread; thread of other material, as of cotton or silk; material spun and prepared for use in weaving

*The basic material for weaving is **yarn**, which is sold by the pound and costs between US\$4 and US\$16 per metre of woven goods.*

yawn

n. open the mouth wide with a deep inhalation, usually involuntarily from drowsiness, fatigue, or boredom

*You'd think that type of fiscal irresponsibility would be subject to investigative reporting, but it was greeted with a big **yawn** from the local media.*

yield

v. give in; surrender; give forth a natural product; be productive

*The wounded knight refused to **yield** to his foe.*

3 High Level

List 1

abbreviation

n. shortening something by omitting parts of it

*For example, the word **abbreviation** can itself be represented by the "abbr." or "abbrev."*

abolish

v. cancel; put an end to; destroy completely

*In a letter to the British government, the EU has demanded that Britain **abolish** laws protecting religious freedom rights with regards to "sexual orientation."*

aboriginal

a. being the first of its kind in a region; primitive; native

*Her studies of the primitive art forms of the **aboriginal** Indians were widely reported in the scientific journals.*

abound

v. be full of; be plentiful

*The rooms **abound** with screaming children.*

abrasion

n. scratch; friction

*Dust also, is a significant cause of **abrasion** of book papers and covers.*

abridge

v. condense; shorten; reduce length of written text

Because the publishers felt the public wanted a shorter version of War and

Peace, they proceeded to **abridge** the novel.

abundance

n. great or plentiful amount; fullness to overflowing

*It is good for those who have in **abundance** to share with those who suffer from want.*

accelerate

v. move faster; cause to develop or progress more quickly; occur sooner than expected

*Demand for Taiwanese goods likely will **accelerate** from the second quarter, as strong Asian demand offsets the effects of a U.S. slowdown.*

acclaim

v. applaud; announce with great approval

*The NBC sportscasters **acclaim** every American victory in the Olympics and decried every American defeat.*

accommodation

n. living quarters provided for public convenience; something that meets a need; convenience

*When traveling, **accommodation** is a very important issue for most people.*

accord

n. settlement or compromise of conflicting opinions; written agreement between two states

*Although the **accord** is a small step forward, politicians around the world have their work cut out for them.*

accumulate

v. pile up; collect; mount up; increase

*The tendency of Capital to **accumulate** is a big threat to the free market.*

accuser

n. one who accuses; one who brings a charge of crime or fault

*I think the right to face your **accuser** is fundamental in that no one should be convicted on the evidence of an anonymous witness.*

acquaint

v. inform about; cause to come to know personally; make familiar

*Please **acquaint** your colleagues of your plans to move faster.*

adept

a. expert at; very skilled; having or showing knowledge and skill and aptitude

*Mr. Williams was known as an **adept** improviser who effortlessly switched between classical, jazz and pop styles.*

adhere

v. stick fast; stick to firmly; be compatible or in accordance with

*That is why the claying is necessary; it makes the grain **adhere** to the earth, otherwise it would float.*

adjacent

a. adjoining; neighboring; close to; lying near

*Philip's best friend Jason lived only four houses down the block, close but not immediately **adjacent**.*

adjoin

v. be next to; be contiguous to; border on

*A breakfast-room would **adjoin** the drawing-room, I slipped in there.*

administrate

v. administer; supply; supervise or be in charge of

*Remember that Democrats want to increase spending and create more laws which in turn create more government to **administrate** and enforce.*

adolescence

n. state of growing up from childhood to manhood or womanhood; transitional period between youth and maturity

*The big issue in **adolescence** is that all kids strive for independence.*

advent

n. coming or arrival, especially of something extremely important

*Reasoning by analogy, we can come to no other conclusion, unless their **advent** is anticipated by the arrival of ready-made colonists from the more advanced earth, like ourselves.*

adverse

a. in opposing direction; harmful or unfavorable; acting or serving to oppose

*The recession had a highly **adverse** effect on father's investment portfolio: he lost so much money that he could no longer afford the house.*

aerial

a. of the air or atmosphere; produced by or found in the air;

performed in the air

*But in **aerial** combat, the possibility of mechanical failure paled beside the dangers of enemy fire.*

aesthetic

a. elegant or tasteful; of or concerning appreciation of beauty or good taste

*Kenneth Cole, the American designer known for his modern, urban **aesthetic**, is hawking \$35 T-shirts.*

affiliate

v. associate; incorporate

Our Affiliate programs empower our associates to earn commissions and receive ticket discounts.

affirm

v. assert; confirm

*Briggs calmly took a paper from his pocket, and read out in a sort of official, nasal voice:-- "I **affirm** and can prove that on the 20th of October."*

affix

v. fasten; append; add on; secure to something

*First the registrar had to add on her signature to the license; then she had to **affix** her official seal.*

afflict

v. cause pain, suffering or distress

*Restless legs syndrome is thought to **afflict** millions, though there's argument about just how many.*

aggregate

v. gather into a mass, sum, or whole; amount to

*Before the Wall Street scandals, dealers managed to **aggregate** great wealth in short periods of time.*

agitation

n. anxiety; extreme emotional disturbance

*The result of all this **agitation** is an unsettlement that paralyzes business.*

agreeable

a. ready to consent or submit; acceptable

*They will have a great deal of money, and you will have none: it is your place to be humble, and to try to make yourself **agreeable** to them.*

airing

a. exposure to air for freshening or drying; exposure to public attention; radio or television broadcast

*The Mass will begin **airing** at 8: 00am EST; and will be re-aired at midnight EST.*

albeit

ad. even though; although; notwithstanding

*This question bothers me, **albeit** from a different perspective.*

allege

v. state without proof; assert to be true

*If what Justice Department prosecutors **allege** is true, the five guards should have to answer for what happened on Sept. 16, 2007.*

alleviate

v. provide physical relief, as from pain; make easier; remove in part

*This should **alleviate** the pain; if it does not, we shall have to use stronger drugs.*

allocate

v. assign; distribute according to plan

*Even though the Red Cross did **allocate** a large sum for the relief of the sufferers of the disaster, many people perished.*

allot

v. parcel out in parts or portions; distribute to each individual concerned; assign as a share or lot

*Who will she **allot** the easy jobs to?*

alloy

v. combine; mix; make less pure; lessen or moderate

*Our concern for Dwight Gooden, who injured his pitching arm in the game, will **alloy** our delight at the Yankees' victory.*

alphabetical

a. arranged in customary order of the letters of a language

*The books are listed in **alphabetical** order and are as follows.*

ambiguity

n. state of being ambiguous; doubtfulness or uncertainty

*This **ambiguity** is also becoming part of US policy toward Israel, we all have to guess the next step.*

List 2

ambiguous

a. unclear or doubtful in meaning

*His **ambiguous** instructions misled us; we did not know which road to take.*

amend

v. change for the better; improve; remove faults or errors

*Would McCain **amend** executive orders to ensure that communications between persons outside government and White House staff are disclosed to the public?*

amid

ad. in the middle of; among; surrounded by

*He and other leaders are more optimistic than eight years ago, when Easley's began his term **amid** a recession.*

amidst

ad. amid; in the middle of; among

*He found that a traveler's life is one that includes much pain **amidst** its enjoyments.*

amphibian

a. able to live both on land and in water

*Frogs are classified as **amphibian**.*

amplify

v. broaden or clarify by expanding; intensify; make larger or

more powerful; increase

*Charlie Brown tried to **amplify** his remarks, but he was drowned out by jeers from the audience.*

analyse

v. resolve anything complex into its elements; separate into parts for purpose of examination of each separately

*Don't spend all day calling agents about fees - pick three in your locality and **analyse** which is the best one.*

analytical

a. of analysis; resolving into elements or parts

*He is totally lacking in the kind of **analytical**, logical, thoughtful intelligence needed by a leader, much less a President.*

ancestor

n. forefather; forebear; forerunner or predecessor

*He said it was a very old name in that neighborhood; that the **ancestor** of the house was wealthy.*

anecdote

n. short account of amusing or interesting event; short narrative; secret story of history or biography

*Of all the millions who are moved by this historic occasion, while I am amongst these, my **anecdote** is and would be far less remarkable.*

annihilate

v. destroy completely; reduce to nonexistence

*The enemy in its revenge tried to **annihilate** the entire population.*

annuity

n. annual payment of allowance or income; periodical payment, amounting to a fixed sum in each year

*The **annuity** he setup with the insurance company supplements his social security benefits so that he can live very comfortably without working.*

antagonism

n. active resistance; condition of being an opposing principle, force, or factor

*Barry showed his **antagonism** toward his new stepmother by ignoring her whenever she tried talking to him.*

antarctic

a. opposite to the northern or arctic pole; relating to the southern pole or to the region near it

*The scientist has spent six months in the solitudes of the **antarctic**.*

anthology

n. book of literary selections by various authors

*This **anthology** of science fiction was compiled by the late Isaac Asimov.*

antonym

n. word of opposite meaning; counter term

*We can find 692 **antonym** pairs in English where both words have the same length.*

apologetic

a. offering or expressing an apology or excuse; serving as or containing a formal justification or defense

*As they went by, one of their leaders shouted out to me in **apologetic***

explanation.

apparatus

n. a group of parts that work together to perform given function; appliance or device for particular purpose

*When the **apparatus** is at work, this gas becomes luminous, giving out a white and continuous light.*

append

v. attach; add as supplement or appendix

*When you **append** a bibliography to a text, you have just created an supplementary material.*

appliance

n. durable goods for home or office use; device or instrument for household use

*It has served North Americans with small **appliance** needs for many years.*

applicant

n. candidate

*If **applicant** doesn't pass the first time he can try again and again.*

appraisal

n. assessment; evaluation; the classification of someone or something with respect to its worth

*An auto damage **appraisal** firm offering assessments for insurance and private purposes throughout the province.*

appreciable

a. considerable; perceptible

*Her office had no **appreciable** impact on improving global perceptions of the United States, and in some situations made things worse.*

apprentice

n. works for an expert to learn a trade; beginner; learner

*One of the greatest opportunities for the out-of-school unemployed youth will always be found in **apprentice** programs.*

approximate

v. approach; come near

*The conclusions of yours both **approximate** to the truth.*

apt

a. likely; exactly suitable; appropriate; quick to learn or understand

*The defeated England coach, Bobby Robson, described it as a miracle, which following 'the Hand-of-God' goal seems supremely **apt**.*

aquatic

a. consisting of, relating to, or being in water

*Paul enjoyed **aquatic** sports such as scuba diving and snorkeling.*

arbitrary

a. randomly chosen; determined by chance or impulse, and not by reason or principle

*He threw an **arbitrary** assortment of clothes into his suitcase and headed off, not caring where he went.*

archaic

a. no longer current or applicable; antiquated

*"Methinks," "thee," and "thou" are **archaic** words that are no longer part of our normal vocabulary.*

ardent

a. displaying or by strong enthusiasm or devotion; passionate

*All her fellow demonstrators were busily making posters and handing out flyers, inspired by her **ardent** enthusiasm for the cause.*

arduous

a. demanding great effort or labor; difficult

*Her **arduous** efforts had sapped her energy.*

armour

n. defensive covering, as of metal, wood, or leather, worn to protect the body against weapons

*He girded himself with **armour** for the battle.*

arouse

v. excite; stimulate; awaken from or as if from sleep

*He suddenly seemed to **arouse** himself: the conviction of the reality seized him.*

array

v. set out for display or use; place in orderly arrangement

*He requested to **array** the whole regiment on the parade ground.*

ascend

v. climb; mount

Boys **ascend** through the sky-light on to the roof.

ascent

n. upward slope or grade; movement upward

A 30 minute hike up to the base of the ferrate is followed by an unforgettable 2 hour **ascent** up the cliff.

ascertain

v. find out for certain; discover with certainty; make sure of

Please **ascertain** her present address.

ascribe

v. inscribe or dedicate; attribute to a specified cause, source, or origin; assign as a quality

Other people **ascribe** his exclusion from the canon to an unsubtle form of racism.

aspiration

n. ambition; longing

The basic **aspiration** is that culture should serve as a rallying point for nation building - in practice neither the finances nor the security conditions seem very favourable.

aspire

v. seek to attain; long for; strive toward an end

If you **aspire** to a career in professional sports, please enroll in a graduate program in sports management.

List 3

assert

v. declare or state with confidence; put oneself forward boldly
*If you quit acting like a wimp and **assert** yourself a bit more, you'd improve your chances of getting a date.*

assorted

a. varied; miscellaneous

*Watching the large and varied bird population, or following **assorted** trails on horseback.*

astound

v. affect with wonder; surprise; shock

*The events of the past dovetail into those of the present, with parallels that surprise, **astound**, shock and delight.*

attain

v. achieve or accomplish; gain

*The scarecrow sought to **attain** one goal: he wished to obtain a brain.*

attribute

n. essential quality; reputation; honor

*His outstanding **attribute** was his kindness.*

audible

a. perceptible; heard or perceptible by the ear

*He turned his head slightly, his lips moving in a phrase **audible** only to the Caverna.*

augment

v. make greater, as in size, extent, or quantity

*Armies **augment** their forces by calling up reinforcements.*

authoritative

a. having weight of authority; peremptory and dictatorial

*Impressed by the young researcher's well-documented presentation, we accepted her analysis of the experiment as **authoritative**.*

automate

v. replace or enhance human labor with machines

*The other reason to **automate** is to get people out of the dangerous circumstance.*

automation

n. act or process of converting the controlling of a machine or device to a more automatic system, such as computer or electronic controls

*As small business proprietors, most doctors have had little incentive to invest in **automation** efforts.*

autonomy

n. independence; self-government or the right of self-government; self-determination

*The study also called for the three thousand Rapa Nui people of Easter Island to be given greater **autonomy**.*

auxiliary

a. helper, additional or subsidiary

*To prepare for the emergency, they built an **auxiliary** power station.*

avail

v. turn to advantage of; be of service to; profit; promote

*When his power ceases to **avail**, that is when a stronger than he appears upon the scene.*

avert

v. prevent; turn or cause to turn off or away

*She had to **avert** her eyes from the dead cat on the highway.*

aviation

n. art or science of flying; flight; aeronautics

*A group of British and French civil **aviation** experts meeting in Paris had failed to come up with new proposals to improve Concorde's security.*

axis

n. the center around which something rotates; pivot

*Then Tehran was bracketed, along with its old enemy Iraq, and North Korea, in President Bush's **axis** of evil.*

bacterium

n. single celled organism with no nucleus

*The **bacterium** is so destructive that it is common to cough up both mucus and blood.*

badminton

n. game played on a court with light long-handled rackets

Badminton is a racquet sport played by either two opposing players or two

opposing pairs.

baffle

v. frustrate as by confusing or perplexing; impede force or movement of

*The new code will **baffle** the enemy agents.*

bamboo

n. plant of the family of grasses, and genus Bambusa, growing in tropical countries

*Many farmers' fields are irrigated by water brought from a river or lake through **bamboo** pipes.*

barometer

n. instrument for determining the weight or pressure of the atmosphere

*So far our country's **barometer** is National Bookstore's and Powerbooks' bestsellers list.*

barricade

n. hastily put together defensive barrier; obstacle

*Marius and his fellow students hurriedly improvised a rough **barricade** to block police access to the students' quarter.*

barter

v. trade goods or services without the exchange of money

*Trashbank is an online site where you can **barter**, buy, sell, trade, or swap your items or services.*

bead

n. small piece of material, such as glass, plastic, or wood, that is pierced for stringing

*They started riding towards the store; then up gets one of the boys, draws a steady **bead** over the wood-rank.*

beautician

n. one skilled in giving cosmetic treatments; one who does hair styling, manicures, and other beauty treatments

*I now prefer to call a **beautician** home rather than visit a salon and uncover my head in public.*

beneficial

a. helpful; tending to promote physical well-being

*Tiny Tim's cheerful good nature had a **beneficial** influence on Scrooge's charitable disposition.*

berth

n. space for ship to dock or anchor; allotted place; place to sleep or stay; appointment or job

*They might not have to give cats wide **berth** for the rest of their lives.*

beset

v. attack from all sides; trouble persistently; hem in

*Many vexing problems **beset** the American public school system.*

bewilder

v. lead into perplexity or confusion; perplex with mazes

*You **bewilder** us by the city traffic; none of us can back hotel independently.*

bibliography

n. list of works of a specific author or publisher; list of writings relating to a given subject

*Plus, a narrative **bibliography** is included to provide a discussion of the professional literature and topics covered in the book.*

bilateral

a. two-sided; mutual

*In general China does not consider them as refugees but economic migrants and has repatriated those caught on its territory under a **bilateral** treaty with North Korea.*

bilingual

n. using or able to use two languages, especially with equal or nearly equal fluency

*The diagram illustrates how the aid of theories provided by monolingual studies was used to investigate reading development in **bilingual** settings.*

bitumen

n. mineral pitch; black, tarry substance, burning with a bright flame

*In what you might call a giant washing machine, agitation and heat begin to separate the **bitumen** from the sand.*

bloc

n. a group of nations, parties, or persons united for common action

*Today the Jewish **bloc** is interested primarily in Palestine and will continue to be an uncertain quantity right up to the time of election.*

blot

n. spot or stain, as of ink on paper; blur; weak point or failing

*A memory without **blot** or contamination must be an exquisite treasure: is it not?*

blunder

n. serious mistake typically caused by ignorance or confusion

*The criminal's fatal **blunder** led to his capture.*

boast

v. show off oneself; speak of with excessive pride

*Many of the sports facilities are already in place and the city can **boast** one of the most compact proposals running alongside the Moscow river.*

bookcase

n. case with shelves for holding books, especially one with glazed doors

*They bought a **bookcase** to put the books and notebooks on.*

bookkeeper

n. one who keeps accounts; one who has charge of keeping books and accounts in an office

*Eric earned his bread and butter as a **bookkeeper**, but added a little jam by working with a dance band on weekends.*

bookstall

n. stall where books are sold, as on a street; table with enclosed sides, for displaying books for sale

*Even the tiny **bookstall** at Sheffield railway station had a full set of the *Lensman* novels.*

List 4

boundary

n. dividing line; border; frontier

*Planning drawings sometimes show a **boundary** line, though there is no legal requirement for it.*

boycott

v. refrain from buying or using

*To put pressure on grape growers to stop using pesticides that harmed the farm workers' health, Cesar Chavez called for consumers to **boycott** grapes.*

brashness

n. characteristic of being brash; trait of being rash and hasty; tasteless showiness

*The **brashness** is gone; there seems to be more patience, as long as it's not about his other love - horse racing.*

brisk

a. marked by speed, liveliness, and vigor; energetic; swift; keen or sharp in speech or manner

*"Come in!" called a **brisk**, familiar voice, as Ronny knocked lightly on the almost closed door.*

browse

v. graze; skim or glance at casually

*"How now, brown cow, browsing in the green, green grass." I remember lines of verse that I came across while I **browse** through the poetry section of bookstore.*

bulge

v. cause to curve outward; swell up; stick out; protrude

*When the inserted balloon is filled with water, they **bulge** out in a variety of shapes.*

bungalow

n. small house or cottage usually having a single story and attic

*Every summer we rent a **bungalow** on Cape Cod for our vacation home.*

buoyant

a. able to float; cheerful and optimistic

*When the boat capsized, her **buoyant** life jacket kept Jody afloat.*

bureaucracy

n. over-regulated administrative system

*The Internal Revenue Service is the ultimate **bureaucracy**; taxpayers wasted so much paper filling out IRS forms to comply with the Paper-work Reduction Act.*

burgeon

v. grow forth; send out buds; grow or develop rapidly

*In the spring, the plants that **burgeon** are a promise of the beauty to come.*

burrow

n. tunnel; hole in the ground made by an animal for shelter;
moving through by or as by digging

*They will return to breed in the fall, and the male will reclaim his **burrow**, waiting to reconnect with his mate.*

bustle

v. move or cause to move energetically and busily; teem

*David and the children **bustle** about the house getting in each other's way as they try to pack for the camping trip.*

calamity

n. event that brings terrible loss, lasting distress, or severe affliction; disaster; misery

*As news of the **calamity** spread, offers of relief poured in to the stricken community.*

calcium

n. silvery, moderately hard metallic element

*We need some **calcium** every day; it is essential element for bone health.*

calorie

n. unit of heat; unit of heat equal to the amount of heat required to raise the temperature of 1 kilogram of water by 1 degree

*It's quite likely that a reduction in **calorie** intake yields a reduction in metabolic rates.*

canteen

n. vessel used by soldiers for carrying water, liquor, or other drink; snack bar or small cafeteria, as on a military installation

*Collins filled his **canteen** from the water barrel and dug out a box of shells for the shotgun.*

caption

n. title; chapter heading; text under illustration

*We got an **caption** error in The Far Side cartoons shown yesterday.*

carcass

n. dead body of an animal especially one slaughtered and dressed for food

*Hunters must check the animals in at stations while **carcass** is still fresh.*

catalyst

n. agent which brings about chemical change while it remains unaffected and unchanged

*Many chemical reactions cannot take place without the presence of a **catalyst**.*

caustic

a. capable of burning, corroding, dissolving, or eating away by chemical action

*The critic's **caustic** remarks angered the hapless actors who were the subjects of his sarcasm.*

ensor

n. overseer of morals; official responsible for removal of objectionable or sensitive content

*Soldiers dislike having their mail read by a **ensor** but understand the need for this precaution.*

centenary

a. relating to a 100-year period; occurring once every 100 years

*The bridge, restored for its **centenary**, is a worthy contribution to future tourism in Durango state.*

ceramic

a. of or pertaining to pottery; relating to the art of making earthenware; as, ceramic products; ceramic ornaments for ceilings.

*A few minutes later, he was bringing two new drinks - in **ceramic** mugs - to our table.*

certify

v. give certain information to; assure; make certain

*That section that requires to **certify** is the search will not involve "the premises, information, material, or property of a United States person."*

characterize

v. distinguish; be characteristic of; be a distinctive trait or mark of

*Clarity and reasonableness in this essay again **characterize** Chris's writing.*

chasm

n. deep opening in the earth surface

*They could not see the bottom of the **chasm**.*

chaste

a. morally pure in thought or conduct; decent and modest

*If, however, he remarried or did not remain **chaste**, the money would pass to her mother.*

chisel

v. practice trickery or fraud; cheat

*That crook wanted to **chisel** me out of a hundred dollars when he sold me that "marble" statue he'd cut out of some cheap hunk of rock.*

chore

n. a specific piece of work required to be done as a duty or for a specific fee

*This **chore** duty is an extension of the laundry duty.*

chronological

a. arranged in order of time of occurrence

*A public library sponsored guide to resume and cover letter writing, **chronological** samples and resume templates.*

circulate

v. move through a space, circuit or system, returning to the starting point

*The doctor shows me how blood to **circulate** in my veins on pictures.*

circumference

n. boundary line of a circle, figure, area, or object

*The earth has a **circumference** of approximately 24900 miles.*

cite

v. quote; adduce as an instance

*She could **cite** passages in the Bible from memory.*

clasp

n. fastening device; firm grip

When the **clasp** on Judy's bracelet broke, Fred repaired it, bending the hook back into shape.

classify

v. declare unavailable, as for security reasons; arrange or order by classes or categories

*The US government agency responsible to **classify** viruses, the Centre for Disease Control, says it was in the process of deciding whether to change the strain's classification.*

clockwise

ad. in the direction that the hands of a clock move

*Please move **clockwise** in a circle.*

cluster

n. group; bunch; group of the same or similar elements gathered or occurring closely

*The powerful earthquake, measuring 6.8 on the Richter Scale, struck a **cluster** of small villages and towns in the remote region of Xinjiang.*

coarse

a. rough; harsh; of low, common, or inferior quality

*Trade in **coarse** grains, dairy products and beef is also the subject of special attention, looking towards both freer and better managed trading arrangements.*

coed

a. relating to an education system in which both men and women attend

*It finds that students in **coed** dorms are far more likely than those in single-sex dorms to drink alcohol regularly.*

coeducation

n. system of education in which both men and women attend the same institution or classes

*I now serve as president of Oberlin College, the first college in America to admit students of color and women to **coeducation**.*

List 5

cognitive

a. knowing or perceiving; part of mental functions that deals with logic

*Though Jack was emotionally immature, his **cognitive** development was admirable; he was very advanced intellectually.*

coherent

a. adhesive; cohesive; sticking together ; logical; sound; capable of thinking and expressing yourself in a clear and consistent manner

*If the EU is to form any kind of **coherent** common foreign policy, it needs France and Britain singing from the same song sheet.*

coil

n. a series of connected spirals or concentric rings formed by gathering or winding; spiral pipe or series of spiral pipes

*A divergent bundle of electrons passing through the **coil** is focused to a point.*

coincide

v. occur at the same time as; correspond

*To **coincide** with World AIDS Day, the World Health Organization and UN AIDS are launching a campaign to treat three million HIV sufferers by the year 2005.*

collaboration

n. act of working together; act of cooperating with an enemy, especially it occupying one's own country

*This is something that I can see as a potential long term relationship rather than a short term **collaboration**.*

collide

v. bump; hit; conflict

*Two small planes **collide** over Florida Everglades and crash into swamp, no survivors.*

combustible

a. capable of igniting and burning; easily aroused or excited

*After the recent outbreak of fires in private homes, the fire commissioner ordered that all **combustible** materials be kept in safe containers.*

commemorate

v. serve as a memorial to; honor the memory of with a ceremony

*The story of Fairchild that Mr. Moore was helping to **commemorate** is well-known in Silicon Valley.*

commend

v. commit, entrust, or give in charge for care or preservation; recommend as worthy of confidence or regard

*I will **commend** the child to her sister's care.*

commodity

n. goods; article of trade; advantage; benefit.

*While some world stock and **commodity** markets show signs of calming down, China is usually an exception.*

commonplace

a. ordinary; having no remarkable features

We think the key to making this stuff more **commonplace** is keeping it affordable for everyone.

commute

v. obtain or bargain for exemption or substitution; travel regularly from a place of residence to another place

*In exchange for cooperating with detectives on another case, criminal tried to **commute** his charges.*

commuter

n. someone who travels regularly from home in a suburb to work in a city

*Vancouver is increasingly becoming a **commuter** city.*

comparable

a. similar or equivalent; being of equal regard; worthy to be ranked with

*People whose jobs are **comparable** in difficulty should receive similar pay.*

compel

v. force; coerce; necessitate or pressure by force

*Why, Jane, what would you have? I fear you will **compel** me to go through a private marriage ceremony.*

competence

n. quality of being adequately or well qualified physically and intellectually

*Whereas overseas companies have been shedding activities that are not related to their core **competence**, Indian companies seem to be going the other way.*

compile

v. put together or compose from materials gathered from several sources

*We planned to **compile** a list of the words most frequently used on these examinations.*

complement

v. complete; consummate; make perfect

*The waiter recommended a glass of port to **complement** the cheese.*

compliance

n. readiness to yield; happy friendly agreement

*Bullheaded Bill was not noted for easy **compliance** with the demands of others.*

compose

v. write; create; make or create by putting together parts or elements

*As you begin to **compose**, improvise on that melody and see where it naturally wants to take you.*

composite

a. made up of distinct parts or elements; compounded

*The Living area is a rectangular space with a polished concrete floor, eighty percent enclosed by retractable glass walls, and single-span **composite** timber beams supporting the sub-roof ceiling.*

compress

v. close; squeeze or press together; contract
*She has to **compress** the package under her arm.*

comprise

v. include; consist of; be composed of
*If the District of Columbia were to be granted statehood, the United States of America would **comprise** fifty-one states, not just fifty.*

compulsory

a. mandatory; obligatory; required by rule
*In 2004 Britain introduced a **compulsory** citizenship ceremony which required new citizens to take a broader oath promising to respect Britain's rights, freedoms and laws.*

compute

v. reckon; make mathematical calculation
*He failed to **compute** the interest, so his bank balance was not accurate.*

concerted

a. planned or accomplished together; combined
*All the Girl Scouts made a **concerted** effort to raise funds for their annual outing.*

concise

a. brief and compact; expressing much in few words
*When you define a new word, be **concise**: the shorter the definition, the easier it is to remember.*

concoct

v. digest; convert into nourishment by the organs of nutrition.

*It really does make you look rather stupid and like you're trying to **concoct** something where nothing exists.*

concurrent

a. simultaneous; coincident; occurring or operating at the same time

*The Winter War fought between Finland and the Soviet Union, was a **concurrent** war to World War II, and thus is covered in its own main article.*

condense

v. change from a gaseous to a liquid state and fall in drops; compress or concentrate

*This showed that the more we **condense** air the fitter we make it for purposes of combustion.*

condolence

n. expression of sympathy with another in sorrow or grief.

*The FBI has seized a two-page, handwritten letter of **condolence** sent by Jacqueline Kennedy to the widow of Robert F. Kennedy shortly after he was assassinated in 1968.*

confer

v. bestow; present; have a conference in order to talk something over

*The sternest-seeming stoic is human after all; and to "burst" with boldness and good-will into "the silent sea" of their souls is often to **confer** on them the first of obligations.*

configuration

n. arrangement of parts or elements; outline

The outcome depends on the **configuration** of influences at the time.

confine

v. restrict in movement; circumscribe

*You may take the maniac with you to England; **confine** her with due attendance and precautions at Thornfield.*

conform

v. comply with; follow; fit; meet

*Why, in defiance of every precept and principle of this house, does she **conform** to the world so openly--here in an evangelical, charitable establishment--as to wear her hair one mass of curls?*

congestion

n. act of gathering or heaping together or forming a mass

*International contractors started tunneling under this city of fifteen million to help relieve horrendous **congestion**.*

congruent

a. possessing congruity; suitable; agreeing; corresponding

*I would have definitely given the film more marks were it something more **congruent** with my tastes.*

conscientious

a. diligent; responsible; reliable

*He deferred his departure a whole week, and during that time he made me feel what severe punishment a good yet stern, a **conscientious** yet implacable man can inflict on one who has offended him.*

consecutive

a. following one after another without interruption; sequential
*The **consecutive** file saving method also created some problems.*

consequent

a. resulting; following as a logical conclusion
*His retirement and **consequent** spare time enabled him to travel more.*

List 6

conservation

n. preservation or restoration from loss, damage, or neglect
*According to new research rapid and large scale loss of natural habitats has already affected biodiversity in the area and urgent **conservation** efforts are now needed.*

conservatory

n. greenhouse; school of music or dramatic art
*Even though he was not **conservatory** trained, his passion for music took him to the point where eventually he was considered one of the best guitar accompanist in Cuba.*

conserve

v. retain; protect from loss or harm; preserve; use carefully or sparingly, avoiding waste
*One way to **conserve** is to make cars more efficient.*

consign

v. give, transfer, or deliver in a formal manner, as if by signing over into the possession of another
*Perhaps it would be better to **consign** it to a place where others may not so readily gain access to it.*

consist

v. be made up or composed; be comprised or contained in
*A sudden renewed interest in action movies from the early nineties whose titles **consist** of three words, one of which is usually either “kill”, “law” or “justice”.*

consolidate

v. make solid; unite or press together into a compact mass; harden or make dense and firm

*He bribes his leader to **consolidate** his position.*

conspicuous

a. noticeable; prominent; easy to notice; obvious

*Next morning, Miss Scatcherd wrote in **conspicuous** characters on a piece of pasteboard the word "Slattern."*

constituent

n. component or part; citizen, voter

*A machine will not function properly if any **constituent** of it is defective.*

constitute

v. make up; form something

*"I never did see the beat of that boy!" She went to the open door and stood in it and looked out among the tomato vines that would **constitute** the garden.*

constrain

v. restrain; keep within close bounds; confine

*His idea is to **constrain** commercial banks' lending.*

constrict

v. restrict; shrink; make smaller or narrower by binding or squeezing

*Freezing temperatures also **constrict** peripheral blood vessels, further*

stressing the heart.

construct

v. form by assembling or combining parts; build; create

*After all, perhaps there were different ways to **construct** machines that would have different properties.*

contaminate

v. make impure or unclean by contact or mixture; pollute; defile

*Compact fluorescent light bulbs **contaminate** the environment with 30000 pounds of mercury each year.*

contemplate

v. look at attentively and thoughtfully; observe deep in thought

*He used to **contemplate** the problem from all sides.*

contend

v. strive in opposition; contest; dispute; struggle for

*John has to **contend** with great difficulties in coming IELTS test.*

contention

n. competing as for profit or prize

*The teams were in fierce **contention** for first place.*

continuity

n. property of a continuous and connected period of time

*I think you need to hire someone to maintain **continuity** on your blog if you intend it to have any longevity.*

contradict

v. confront; oppose

*Now act as you please: write and **contradict** my assertion--expose my falsehood as soon as you like.*

contradiction

n. assertion of contrary; denial of the truth of a statement or assertion; opposition, whether by argument or conduct

*In formal logic, a **contradiction** is the signal of defeat, but in the evolution of real knowledge it marks the first step in progress toward a victory.*

contrive

v. form by an exercise of ingenuity; devise; invent; design

*Can you **contrive** to escape here early?*

convene

v. cause to come together formally

*Six days' public notice must be given when announcing the meeting schedules, meaning the earliest the board can next **convene** is July 24.*

converge

v. approach; tend to meet; come together

*African-American men from all over the United States will **converge** on Washington to take part in the historic Million Men march.*

converse

v. chat; talk informally; engage in a spoken exchange of thoughts

*Eva is all ears while Lulu and Lola **converse**.*

conversely

ad. in a converse manner; with change of order or relation; reciprocally.

*Economies don't get in trouble overnight and **conversely** don't improve overnight.*

correlate

v. relate; associate; bring into a mutual relation

*I cannot **correlate** these two pieces of information.*

correspond

v. be compatible, similar or consistent; exchange messages

*My Russian pen pal and I **correspond** for several years.*

correspondence

n. similarity or analogy; communication by the exchange of letters

*For a long time he had been in **correspondence** with the chief banks in Shanghai and Macao.*

correspondent

a. one who communicates information, especially, by letter or telegram to newspaper or periodical

*The information below was compiled by our **correspondent** of Hong Kong.*

corresponding

a. accompanying

*She pointed to a wide arch **corresponding** to the window, and hung like it with a Tyrian-dyed curtain, now looped up.*

corrode

v. destroy metal or alloy gradually, especially by chemical action; be eaten or worn away

*The girders supporting the bridge will **corrode** so gradually that no one suspects any danger in future 10 years.*

cosmopolitan

a. sophisticated; of worldwide scope

*Her years in the capitol had transformed her into a **cosmopolitan** young woman highly aware of international affairs.*

cosy

n. padded or knitted covering placed especially over a teapot to keep the tea hot; cozy

*A teapot under a **cosy** is stewing, not brewing, the tea.*

counterbalance

v. act as force or influence that balances, checks or limits an opposite one

*It is commonplace in America to **counterbalance** a Democratic president with Republicans in the Congress, and vice versa.*

counterpart

n. duplicate copy; analogue; one that closely resembles another
*Robinson becomes the Bishop of New Hampshire only weeks after John, his **counterpart**, was forced to stand down for fear his election would divide the Church.*

crater

n. a bowl-shaped opening at the top of a volcano

*At least one village about three kilometers from the **crater** has been covered in a dusting of volcanic ash.*

crease

n. a line or long thin mark made by folding or doubling

*He cut across the **crease** from the left side.*

criterion

n. standard of judging; any approved or established rule or test

*Among the reasons for adding this as a **criterion** is the obvious point that Nobel wanted the Prize to have political effects.*

crouch

v. bend down; stoop low; lie close to the ground with the legs bent, as an animal when waiting for prey, or in fear

*They did not **crouch** under the oppression.*

crumple

v. fall apart; fold or collapse; crush together or press into wrinkles

*It's weird watching your leg to **crumple** in directions it's not natural to go in.*

culminate

v. reach the highest or most decisive point; rise to summit

*Wednesday's anniversary is to **culminate** in a recreation of the student march that started the Velvet Revolution.*

List 7

cultivate

v. improve and prepare, as by plowing or fertilizing, for raising crops; promote the growth of

*I think probably the most popular habit we writers **cultivate** is having coffee to hand.*

cumbersome

a. heavy; difficult to handle because of weight or bulk

*He was burdened down with **cumbersome** parcels.*

cumulative

a. increasing by successive addition

*Vocabulary building is a **cumulative** process: as you go through your flash cards, you will add new words to your vocabulary, one by one.*

curriculum

n. course; program

*While these arguments about evolution are in their infancy in the UK, a Government minister has said that says that Intelligent Design is not included in the national **curriculum** and should not be taught in schools.*

curtail

v. cut short or reduce; cut off end or tail, or any part

*When Herb asked Diane for a date, she said she was really sorry she couldn't go out with him, her dad had ordered her to **curtail** her social life.*

custodian

n. curator; guardian

*Every veteran has his or her own war, and each is **custodian** of a unique story and memories.*

deadlock

n. standstill resulting from opposition of two forces or factions; stalemate

*Because negotiations had reached a **deadlock**, some of the delegates had begun to mutter about breaking off the talks.*

dearth

n. scarcity; shortage of food; famine from failure or loss of crops

*The **dearth** of skilled labor compelled the employers to open trade schools.*

decompose

v. decay

*Unless the plastic is specially designed to **decompose** in the soil, such materials can last a very long time.*

decrease

v. lessen; reduce; make a quantity smaller

*Can I increase or **decrease** the sum insured under the council home contents insurance policy ?*

decrepit

a. weakened, worn out, or broken down by old age, illness, or hard use

*The **decrepit** car blocked traffic on the highway.*

deduce

v. lead forth; reach a conclusion by reasoning; trace the origin or derivation of

*Our investors **deduce** from the figures that the report shows.*

deduct

v. lead forth or out; take away, separate, or remove, in numbering, estimating, or calculating; subtract

*I will **deduct** tax from your salary.*

deem

v. decide; judge; sentence; condemn

*I am simply going to keep looking forward and do what I **deem** is right.*

default

n. failure to act; an option that is selected automatically

*When the visiting team failed to show up for the big game, they lost the game by **default**.*

defer

v. delay till later; put off; hold back to a later time

*I would again **defer** to responsible judgment when we're dealing with these kind of things.*

defiance

n. refusal to yield; readiness to contend or resist

*Now I feel by imperceptible signs, which I cannot yet interpret but will later, that his **defiance** is about to thaw.*

defile

v. pollute; make dirty or spotty

*The hoodlums **defile** the church with their scurrilous writing.*

deflate

v. reduce from an inflated condition; release contained air or gas from

*His goal must be to **deflate** the opposition, not to encourage it.*

deflect

v. turn aside; draw someone's attention away from something

*No one believed that his life was saved because his cigarette case could **deflect** the bullet.*

defraud

v. deprive of some right, interest, or property, by a deceitful device

*Are you saying that Socialism Welfare states don't **defraud**, mislead, and embezzle?*

deft

a. quick and skillful; neat in action or performance

*The **deft** waiter uncorked the champagne without spilling a drop.*

degrade

v. reduce level; lower grade of something

*To reduce in worth or value: **degrade** a currency.*

delectable

a. delightful; delicious; extremely pleasing to the sense of taste
*We thanked our host for a most **delectable** meal.*

delegate

n. person authorized to act as representative for another; deputy
*Some religious groups are boycotting the event, but one **delegate** told the BBC that it was vital to work with the Americans to get Iraq up and running again.*

delinquency

n. failure or omission of duty; fault; misdeed; offense or crime
*Significant increases in **delinquency** rates have in some cases led to unexpected increases in credit losses.*

delirium

n. mental disorder marked by confusion
*In his **delirium**, the drunkard saw pink panthers and talking pigs.*

delude

v. deceive mind or judgment of; lead from truth or into error; frustrate or disappoint
*His mistress may **delude** herself into believing that he would leave his wife and marry her.*

deluge

n. great flood; heavy downpour; any overflowing of water
*When we advertised the position, we received a **deluge** of applications.*

demolish

v. raze; destroy; do away with completely; put an end to
*Authorities plan to **demolish** many buildings left weakened by the quake which are threatening to fall.*

denomination

n. class, society, or collection of individuals called by the same name; specifically, a religious sect
*Every **denomination** is experiencing tension, and Southern Baptists are no exception.*

denote

v. indicate; signify directly; refer to specifically
*The word “sex” is simply that-a word to **denote** whether a person is male or female.*

depict

v. represent in a picture or sculpture; portray in words; describe
*Here, we can see how the author to **depict** Beatle John Lennon as a drug-crazed neurotic.*

deplete

v. decrease fullness of; use up or empty out
*We must wait until we **deplete** our present inventory before we order replacements.*

depletion

n. act of emptying, reducing, or exhausting
*Freshwater **depletion** is especially worrisome in Egypt, Libya, and several Persian Gulf states.*

deplore

v. feel or express strong disapproval of; condemn; express sorrow or grief over; regret

*Although I **deplore** the vulgarity of your language, I defend your right to express yourself freely.*

depress

v. lower in spirits; press down

*There are hopes that this could help to revive the internet and technology sector which has shown to **depress** since the dotcom crash of 2000.*

derelict

a. left and abandoned; negligent in performing a duty

*As a former South Chicago community organizer, the President knows all about schools in **derelict** areas.*

derive

v. obtain or receive from a source; trace the origin or development of

*For I knew Diana and Mary would **derive** more pleasure from seeing again the old homely tables than from the spectacle of the smartest innovations.*

descend

v. move downward and lower; come from; be connected by a relationship of blood

*You could see a rough path **descend** like a steep stair into the plain.*

List 8

designate

v. indicate or specify; point out; assign a name or title to

*I did not **designate** Mr. Irons as my representative, and as far as I know he acted on his own initiative and spoke for himself.*

desolate

a. unpopulated; providing no shelter or sustenance; devoid of inhabitants

*The sounds of Nature are detailed with great delicacy in this appeal, and we see that the Alps are referred to as **desolate** regions.*

destine

v. decree or designate beforehand; fate

*The eight elephants were to **destine** for zoos in Sydney and Melbourne have been in quarantine in Thailand since last October.*

detach

v. part; separate or disunite; disengage

*He tried to **detach** the link from chain.*

detain

v. keep back or from; withhold; restrain from proceeding; stay or stop; delay

*The power to **detain** people without filing criminal charges against them is a dictatorial power.*

deter

v. keep from; stop; prevent or discourage from acting
*He hopes a charge would not **deter** people from enjoying this great invention.*

deteriorate

v. become worse; decline
*The humanitarian situation in southeastern parts of the country continues to **deteriorate**, with increasing livestock deaths, serious shortage of water.*

detriment

n. harm; damage; injury; something that causes damage, harm, or loss
*Any short-term **detriment** will be overwhelmed by the long-term utility of a station at Woolwich.*

detrimental

a. causing damage or harm; injurious
*The candidate's acceptance of major financial contributions from a well known racist ultimately proved **detrimental** to his campaign, for he lost the backing of many of his early grassroots supporters.*

devastate

v. ruin; lay waste; destroy; make desolate
*She says the disease has the potential to **devastate** Sudan, as HIV spreads quickly among the nation's youth.*

deviate

v. turn away from a principle, norm; depart; diverge
*Richard did not **deviate** from his daily routine: every day he set off for work at eight o'clock, had his sack lunch at 12:15, and headed home at the stroke of five.*

devise

v. form, plan, or arrange in the mind; transmit or give by will

*How clever he must be to **devise** such a devious plan!.*

devour

v. consume; eat greedily; destroy completely

*He seemed to **devour** me with his flaming glance: physically, I felt, at the moment, powerless as stubble exposed to the draught and glow of a furnace: mentally, I still possessed my soul, and with it the certainty of ultimate safety.*

diagnose

v. analyze; examine; identify

*How to **diagnose** a sick fish by their behavioral changes and what you can do to cure the illness.*

diagram

n. graph; chart; figure or drawing made to illustrate a statement; plan

*The pie **diagram** shows the level of spending on health in Japan.*

dialect

n. vocabulary that is for a specific group of people

*The immigrants spoke an odd **dialect** of English.*

diameter

n. length of straight line passing through the center of a circle and connecting two points on the circumference

The recommendations on dish **diameter** are based on the use of a perfectly shaped parabolic dish.

differentiate

v. set apart; distinguish; perceive or show difference in or between

*You can **differentiate** car parts by using different color markers; maybe you use one color for the left side and another for the right.*

diffuse

v. spread out widely; scatter freely; pour out and cause to spread freely

*Hamilton wished to concentrate power; Jefferson to **diffuse** power.*

dilapidated

a. in disrepair, run down; of very poor quality or condition

*Rather than get discouraged, the architect saw great potential in the **dilapidated** house.*

dilate

v. make wider or larger; cause to expand; enlarge; widen

*I just had an eye exam and those eye drops that **dilate** your eyes makes things fuzzy!*

diligent

a. assiduous; industrious; hard-working

*It gratified all the vicious vanity that was in him; and so, instead of winning him, it only "set him up" the more and made him the more **diligent** to avoid betraying that he knew she was about.*

dilute

v. weaken; make thinner or less concentrated by adding a liquid such as water

*A couple of years back you very loudly opposed the creation of "60 MINUTES 2", I think, that it might **dilute** the brand that you helped build up.*

diminish

v. dwindle; reduce; make smaller or less or to cause to appear so

*The only way to **diminish** mistakes is to bring competitors into the game.*

din

n. loud, confused, harsh noise; loud, continuous, rattling or clanging sound

*They were unable to sleep because of the **din** coming from the bar.*

dingy

a. darkened with smoke and grime; dirty or discolored

*The only observation I have is the colors are a bit too gloomy and **dingy**.*

diplomat

n. one who is in charge to deal with others, like an ambassador, who is appointed to represent a government in relations with other governments

*The **diplomat** solved the international problem by negotiating.*

disarray

v. throw into disorder; break the array of.

*Then the NASDAQ crash of 2000 left the US equity markets in **disarray** for more than a year.*

discard

v. throw out something from one's hand; get rid of

*Right now, what we **discard** is an inherent part of what we consume.*

discern

v. detect; perceive

*I **discern** in the course of the morning that Thornfield Hall was a changed place.*

disclose

v. unclose; open; remove a cover or envelope from; lay open or expose to view

*I have no intention to **disclose** their names for security reason.*

discord

n. conflict; lack of agreement among persons, groups, or things

*Watching Tweedledum battle Tweedledee, Alice wondered what had caused this pointless **discord**.*

discrepancy

n. lack of consistency; difference

*The police noticed an obvious **discrepancy** in his description of the crime and did not believe him.*

discrete

a. separate; consisting of unconnected distinct parts

*The universe is composed of **discrete** bodies.*

discriminate

v. make a clear distinction; distinguish; make sensible decisions; judge wisely

*It's not just a notion when 46 states can still **discriminate** against same-sex couples getting married.*

disdain

v. view with scorn or contempt; feel with aversion

*In the film *Funny Face*, the bookish heroine used to **disdain** fashion models for their lack of intellectual interests.*

dismay

v. destroy courage or resolution by exciting dread; cause to lose enthusiasm

*The huge amount of work she had left to do might **dismay** her.*

dispel

v. scatter; drive away; cause to vanish

*The bright sunlight eventually might **dispel** the morning mist.*

disperse

v. move away from each other; cause to separate; cause to become widely known

*The police fired tear gas into the crowd to **disperse** the protesters.*

displace

v. move or shift from the usual place or position, especially to force to leave a homeland

*This war will **displace** lots of refugees from their villages.*

List 9

dissipate

v. spend or expend wastefully; vanish by dispersion; drive away; disperse

*He is a fine artist, but I fear he may **dissipate** his gifts if he keeps wasting his time playing games.*

distend

v. swell out or expand from or as if from internal pressure

*I can tell when he is under stress by the way the veins **distend** on his forehead.*

distil

v. drop; fall in drops; flow in a small stream

*Tears **distil** slowly from her eyes at such an emotional moment.*

distort

v. twist out of proper or natural relation of parts; misshape; misrepresent

*It is difficult to believe the newspaper accounts of the riots because of the way some reporters **distort** and exaggerate the actual events.*

diverse

a. differing in some characteristics; various

*The professor suggested **diverse** ways of approaching the assignment and recommended that we choose one of them.*

dividend

n. sum of money to be divided and distributed; share of a sum divided that falls to each individual; a distribute sum, share, or percentage

*The company declared a large **dividend** at the end of the year.*

doctrine

n. principles presented for belief, as by religious; principle of law; act of teaching; instruction

*An essential element to the **doctrine** is the employer's "continued willingness to employ" the employee.*

dominant

a. major; important; outweighing

*If the projects are successful, they will help place Russia firmly on the map as one of the world's **dominant** energy suppliers.*

dominate

v. monopolize; command; rule; prevail; be prevalent in

*People tend to have one side of their brain **dominate** their thought patterns.*

dormant

a. sleeping; not active but capable of becoming active

*Her feelings of affection are **dormant** but easily awakened.*

doubtless

ad. free from fear or suspicion; very probably, in all likelihood; doubtlessly

*That last word **doubtless** contained an allusion to some scene that had taken place between them.*

downpour

n. pouring or streaming downwards, especially a heavy or continuous shower

*In the resettlement areas that dotted the mountainsides the **downpour** was a disaster.*

doze

v. slumber; sleep lightly; be in dull or stupefied condition, as if half asleep; be drowsy

*If I **doze** off and stop flipping the pages, the boy goes to sleep too.*

drainage

n. emptying accomplished by draining; gradual flowing off, as of a liquid

*Look at the report and be prepared to be shocked by the photo of the main **drainage** canal.*

drawback

n. disadvantage or inconvenience; shortcoming; refund or remittance, such as a discount on duties or taxes

*The main **drawback** is that the lawn could sink as the old turf rots, so you need to build it up a little higher than you might otherwise, to allow for shrinkage.*

drench

v. wet through and through; soak; put potion down throat of; steep in moisture; wet thoroughly

*The poster don't stick even though I **drench** it with glue.*

drought

n. dry period; aridity; long period of abnormally low rainfall

*The fires have taken hold because of **drought** and an infestation of bark beetle, which has left millions of dead trees.*

drowse

v. sleep imperfectly or unsoundly; slumber; be heavy with sleepiness; doze.

*I reached out to him in the dark, still in a partial **drowse** in fact, thinking, Why did she wake up her mate?*

drudgery

n. hard monotonous routine work

*Cinderella's fairy godmother rescued her from a life of **drudgery**.*

dual

a. expressing, or consisting of, the number two; belonging to two

*I believe that book was published in **dual** editions for adult and teen readers; British publishers do that sort of thing a lot.*

dub

v. confer knighthood upon; honor with a new title or description; entitle; adorn

*I just **dub** them with a cute name when I bring them out to serve.*

dubious

a. questionable; filled with doubt

*Abroad, Obama is ready to deploy military might in **dubious** causes*

defined by the country's hawkish defense establishment.

durable

a. lasting; long-lasting; enduring

*Most goods are **durable** goods to a certain degree.*

dwindle

v. shrink; reduce in size; become less

*The food in the life boat gradually had to **dwindle** away to nothing; in the end, they ate the ship's cook.*

earnest

n. seriousness; reality; fixed determination; eagerness;
intentness

*Before they got out of the cab Douglass turned to him, his expression **earnest** at last.*

ecology

n. science of the relationships between organisms and their environments

*He has actual professional qualifications in **ecology** and conservation.*

economical

a. thrifty; saving; using the minimum of time or resources necessary for effectiveness

*Our house has installed a modern **economical** heating system.*

eject

v. put out or expel from a place; discharge

*This beveled design also helps automatically **eject** wood cuttings from the teeth while working.*

eke

v. supplement with great effort; add to; augment

*They have to **eke** out incomes by working two jobs because of low salary.*

elapse

v. slip or glide away; pass away silently

*If possible, let at least a week **elapse** between writing your original draft and attacking the second draft.*

elastic

a. springing back; having the power of rebounding; able to return quickly to a former state or condition

*The strong, **elastic** wood of this tree, used for furniture, tool handles, and sporting goods such as baseball bats.*

elated

a. overjoyed; extremely happy and excited

*Grinning from ear to ear, Bonnie Blair was clearly **elated** by her fifth Olympic gold medal.*

elevate

v. raise; give a promotion to or assign to a higher position

*It is true that fabric, construction, and a designer name on a label **elevate** the price of clothing.*

elicit

v. draw out; bring forth or to light; generate or provoke as

response or answer

*The detectives tried to **elicit** where he had hidden his loot.*

eloquent

a. vividly or movingly expressive; persuasive

*My cousins, full of exhilaration, were so **eloquent** in narrative and comment, that their fluency covered him.*

embargo

n. ban on commerce or other activity

*As a result of the **embargo**, trade with the colonies was at a standstill.*

embark

v. commence; go on board a boat or airplane; begin a journey

*We will **embark** upon a new career at this city.*

embed

v. enclose; place in something; fix firmly in surrounding mass

*The legends **embed** actual historical figures like King Alfred in tales.*

embody

v. give a bodily form to; represent in bodily or material form; incorporate

*Cheering on his rival Mark McGwire's efforts to break Roger Maris's home run record, Sammy Sosa did **embody** the spirit of true sportsmanship.*

emigrate

v. remove from one country or State to another, for the purpose

of residence; migrate from home

*He planned to **emigrate** from Britain to Australia in order to find a better job.*

List 10

eminent

a. standing out above other things; high in rank, office, or worth
*After his appointment to this **eminent** position, he seldom had time for his former friends.*

emit

v. give off; send out; give out as sound
*Yesterday, I posted that the total budget of fossil fuel emissions we can ever **emit** is 1 trillion tons of Carbon.*

empirical

a. derived from experiment and observation rather than theory
*He distrusted hunches and intuitive flashes; he placed his reliance entirely on **empirical** data.*

enable

v. supply with the means, knowledge, or opportunity; make able; make feasible or possible
*We shall have become so unfit that nothing we can do to **enable** us to survive.*

enclose

v. include; surround on all sides; close in
*All of us see the darkness begin to **enclose** him.*

enclosure

n. place where animals are kept

Molly made her debut weighing 70kg and was walking around her **enclosure** within half an hour, said a zoo spokesperson.

endeavour

n. effort or attempt; exertion of physical or mental powers toward the attainment of object

*It had formerly been my **endeavour** to study all sides of his character.*

endow

v. grant; award; give qualities or abilities to

*Furthermore, Patricia has established the terms for the student award that the policy will fully **endow** when she passes away.*

endurance

n. perseverance; state or fact of persevering; continuing existence

*Through hard work and **endurance**, we will complete this project.*

energetic

a. active; brisk; vigorous

*'In that case,' said the Dodo solemnly, rising to its feet, 'I move that the meeting adjourn, for the immediate adoption of more **energetic** remedies--'*

engrave

v. carve or cut into a block or surface, as used for printing; impress deeply as if by carving

Engrave the pen with the owner's name.

engross

v. occupy exclusively; absorb; acquire most or all of; write or print the final draft of; make large or larger

*John and Chris **engross** in their studies that both don't hear mother call.*

enquire

v. seek information by asking a question

*Her supporters in Seattle have already been approaching local businesses to **enquire** about possible work openings for her.*

enquiry

n. search for knowledge; systematic investigation

*Please complete the form below to make an **enquiry** with Elephant Game Lodge.*

enrich

v. make rich; richen; improve

*The school has lots of resources for children, parents, and teachers to **enrich** learning.*

enroll

v. insert in a roil; register or enter in list or catalogue; insert in records; enlist

*You should **enroll** with the employment agency for a secretary.*

enrolment

n. act of enrolling; specifically, the registering, recording, or entering

*The reason for the increase in female **enrolment** is multi-faceted.*

ensue

v. pursue; follow or come afterward; follow as a consequence
*The evils **ensue** from lack of a stable government.*

entail

v. imply or require; cause to ensue or accrue; cut or carve in ornamental way
*To identify the unique features would again **entail** awareness of reality.*

entangle

v. twist or interweave as not to be easily separated; make tangled, confused, and intricate; perplex; bewilder; puzzle
*How did Mary manage to **entangle** her hair so badly in the brambles?*

entitle

v. give right to; authorize; furnish with a right or claim to something; designate; give title to
*The coupon should **entitle** its bearer to a 25 percent savings.*

entity

n. real being; something that exists as a particular and discrete unit; fact of existence
*Persons and corporations are equivalent **entity** under the law.*

entreat

v. plead; make earnest request of; ask for earnestly
*She had to **entreat** her father to let her stay out till midnight.*

entrepreneur

n. person who organizes and operates a business; contractor
*Opponents of our present tax program argue that it discourages **entrepreneur** from trying new fields of business activity.*

envisage

v. look in the face of; apprehend; consider or regard in a certain way

*It is so warped by regulation that it is hard to **envisage** what a totally free-market system would be like, or whether it would be better.*

enzyme

n. any of several complex proteins that are produced by cells and act as catalysts in specific biochemical reactions

*The firm, Mars, had said it would change the whey used in some of its products from a vegetarian source to one with traces of the animal **enzyme**, rennet.*

ephemeral

a. short-lived; enduring a very short time

*The mayfly is an **ephemeral** creature: its adult life lasts little more than a day.*

epoch

n. particular period of history, especially one considered remarkable

*The glacial **epoch** lasted for thousands of years.*

equate

v. make equal or equivalent; consider, treat, or depict as equal or equivalent

*Most Americans **equate** success with wealth and fame.*

equator

n. the imaginary great circle on the earth's surface, everywhere equally distant from the two poles, and dividing the earth's surface into two hemispheres

*Singapore is near the **equator**; it is warm even in winter.*

equilibrium

n. mental or emotional balance; state of balance of any causes, powers, or motives

*A society which remains in **equilibrium** is termed static, that which is changing is called dynamic.*

equip

v. supply with necessities such as tools or provisions; furnish with the qualities necessary for performance

*These escort ships are also the only ships on which you can **equip** cannons.*

equitable

a. marked by or having equity; just and impartial

*I am seeking an **equitable** solution to this dispute, one that will be fair and acceptable to both sides.*

equity

n. ownership interest of shareholders in a corporate; something that is just and fair

*One of the reasons we have invested so heavily in **equity** is because there has been a drastic disparity in these classrooms, in these desks, in how the base education has been delivered.*

equivocal

a. open to two or more interpretations and often intended to mislead

*Rejecting the candidate's **equivocal** comments on tax reform, the reporters pressed him to state clearly where he stood on the issue.*

eradicate

v. completely destroy; eliminate; exterminate

*President Mbeki said that, for the first time in human history, society has the capacity, the knowledge and the resources to **eradicate** poverty.*

erect

v. construct; stand; set up

*Up the blood rushed to his face; forth flashed the fire from his eyes; **erect** he sprang; he held his arms out; but I evaded the embrace, and at once quitted the room.*

erode

v. eat away; wear away by abrasion; become worn

*The film shows how dripping water to **erode** the limestone until only a thin shell remained.*

erosion

n. corrosion; a gradual decline of something

*After the accounting scandal there was an **erosion** of confidence in the auditors.*

erroneous

a. containing or derived from error; mistaken

*I thought my answer was correct, but it was **erroneous** in fact.*

List 11

erupt

v. explode; burst out; become violently active

*The crowds that amassed outside Sonia Gandhi's home in Delhi prepared to **erupt** into cheers of 'bring back Sonia Gandhi'.*

escalate

v. rise; increase in extent or intensity

*The Allies are planning to **escalate** the bombing.*

escalator

n. stairway whose steps move continuously on a circulating belt

*Occasionally when you come up the stair or **escalator** of station you're also met by a ticket inspector.*

ethic

n. a set of principles of right conduct; theory or a system of moral values

*Do these clowns want us to emulate the Japanese "work until you die" **ethic**?*

evade

v. get away from by artifice; escape by dexterity; avoid giving a direct answer to

*The truth that men **evade** there is that this small planet cannot survive a nuclear exchange.*

evaporate

v. vaporize; disappear; change into a vapor

*This allows the layers to fully adhere to each other and excess moisture to **evaporate** from the soap.*

eventual

a. ultimate; occurring at an unspecified time in the future

*One of Mr. Barak's legacies is that more Israelis now know that an **eventual** peace agreement with the Palestinians will have to involve a deal on Jerusalem.*

evict

v. put out by legal process; expel; eject; oust

*They will have to forcibly **evict** from the hospital.*

evident

a. easily seen or understood; obvious; apparent; clear

*He was lying on his left side at the time, and in **evident** pain.*

evoke

v. bring out; arouse; call forth

*You can use highly descriptive and persuasive sentences to **evoke** a positive response from your reader.*

exacerbate

v. increase severity, violence, or bitterness of; aggravate

*The latest bombing would **exacerbate** England's already existing bitterness against the IRA, causing the prime minister to break off the peace talks abruptly.*

exasperate

v. make worse; irritate; make very angry or impatient; annoy greatly

*Johnny brothers often **exasperate** their mother with pranks.*

excavate

v. unearth; dig out; make a hole in; hollow out

*The mining company wants to **excavate** the hill site.*

exceed

v. go beyond; be or do something to a greater degree

*This will **exceed** all my expectations.*

excel

v. be superior; distinguish oneself

*She should **excel** in math.*

excerpt

n. passage or segment taken from a longer work, such as literary or musical composition

*To celebrate the milestone, I've posted a 2,000-word **excerpt** from the opening of the book.*

exclaim

v. cry out suddenly, as from surprise or emotion

*"Watson! Behind you!" Holmes tried to **exclaim**, seeing the assassin hurl himself on his friend.*

exclude

v. leave out of; keep out of; reject

A decision to **exclude** a third of the countries on that initial list would be controversial, as debt cancellation is a key element to alleviate global poverty.

excrement

n. waste material, especially fecal matter that is expelled from body after digestion; matter excreted and ejected

*The machine, which simulates the human digestive process, creates **excrement** which is apparently indistinguishable from the real thing.*

excursion

n. trip; usually short journey made for pleasure

*It was devoted by the party to an **excursion** to some site in the neighborhood.*

exemplify

v. serve as an example of; embody

*For a generation of ballet goers, Rudolf Nureyev might **exemplify** the ideal of masculine grace.*

exempt

a. not subject to duty or obligation; not subject to taxation

*Because of his flat feet, Foster was **exempt** from serving in the armed forces.*

exert

v. cause; apply; exercise

*I am no bird; and no net ensnares me; I am a free human being with an independent will, which I now **exert** to leave you.*

exhilarate

v. cause to feel happily refreshed and energetic; fill with emotion

*If this is true, that wine and strong drink have such virtue to expel fear and sorrow, and to **exhilarate** the mind, let's drink and be merry.*

exhort

v. urge on or encourage, especially by shouts; make urgent appeal

*He was using the phrase to **exhort** his compatriots to prepare for war, to engage in the struggle for freedom.*

exorbitant

a. greatly exceeding bounds of reason or moderation; exceeding proper limits

*Worker mobility also appears to be constrained by rapid urbanization which has resulted in **exorbitant** urban housing prices and rents.*

expedient

a. suitable; appropriate to a purpose; serving to promote your interest

*A pragmatic politician, he was guided by what was **expedient** rather than by what was ethical.*

expel

v. oust; discharge; force or drive out

*He is not planning to **expel** foreign companies as he needs their expertise and technology to extract and upgrade Venezuela's heavy crude oil.*

expend

v. lay out, apply, or employ in any way; consume by use; use up or distribute, either in payment or in donations; spend
*The soldiers **expend** all their ammunition in that fight.*

expenditure

n. payment or expense; output

*When you are operating on an expense account, you must keep each receipt of **expenditure**.*

expire

v. come to an end; terminate; lose validity; breathe one's last breath; die

*Doctors said two people who were wounded seriously in accident would **expire** in the way to hospital.*

explicit

a. precisely and clearly expressed; definite; outspoken

*Don't just hint around that you're dissatisfied: be **explicit** about what's bugging you.*

export

v. sell or transfer abroad

*They impose limits on how much developing nations can **export** to rich countries.*

exposition

n. exhibition; part of a play that provides the background information; opening section of a fugue

*We would have understood the play better if there had been some initial **exposition** of the background.*

expulsion

n. expelling; driving or forcing out; summary removal from membership or association

*After his **expulsion** from the cabinet the minister became the subject of a smear campaign.*

exterminate

v. eliminate; eradicate; kill on a large scale; kill man

*Hitler wanted to **exterminate** the Jews, Gypsies, Communists, and homosexuals of Europe.*

extinguish

v. quench; put out, as a light or fire; cause to die out; put an end to; destroy

*Smoking is forbidden. Please **extinguish** your cigarettes.*

extort

v. obtain from another by coercion; get money by threats

*The Fed should control price stability alone, and should not be allowed to **extort** from the general economy by printing money.*

exuberant

a. high spirited; joyously unrestrained; abundant; luxurious

*An **exuberant** player with attractive tones on both tenor and alto, Red Holloway is also a humorous blues singer.*

fabricate

v. build; put together out of components or parts

*If we **fabricate** the buildings in this project out of standardized sections, we can reduce construction costs considerably.*

List 12

facet

n. small, smooth, flat surface, as on a bone or tooth; side; a smooth surface

*The stonecutter decided to improve the rough diamond by providing it one bigger **facet** among several sides.*

facilitate

v. help bring about; make less difficult

*Rest and proper nourishment should **facilitate** the patient's recovery.*

fallacy

n. deceptive or false appearance; false notion; deception

*This particular logical **fallacy** is called 'circular definition'.*

fallible

a. likely to fail or be inaccurate

*I know I am **fallible**, but I feel confident that I am right this time.*

falter

v. be unsteady in purpose or action, as from loss of courage or confidence

*When told to dive off the high board, she did not **falter**, but proceeded at once.*

famine

n. shortage of food; starvation

*If they do, they may help to prevent **famine** in Africa.*

fanatic

n. person who is zealously enthusiastic for some cause; showing evidence of possession by a god or demon

*What the papers report is that he was an extreme right-wing **fanatic** with psychological delusions.*

fascinate

v. cause to be interested or curious; captivate

*The next moment he was "showing off" with all his might --cuffing boys, pulling hair, making faces--in a word, using every art that seemed likely to **fascinate** a girl and win her applause.*

fastidious

a. difficult to please; having complicated requirements; excessively particular demanding about details

*Bobby was such a **fastidious** eater that he would eat a sandwich only if his mother first cut off every scrap of crust.*

fatuous

a. foolish or silly, especially in self-satisfied way

*He is far too intelligent to utter such **fatuous** remarks.*

feasible

a. capable of being accomplished or brought about

*Now, the expert that would have to come in and examine "Baby R.B." and decide whether that's **feasible** is just now being scheduled.*

federation

n. uniting in a league; confederation; league

*A principle of allowing each state in a nation or **federation** to act independently of the central authority, especially in promoting its own economic interests.*

fellowship

n. state or relation of being or associate; companionship of persons on equal and friendly terms; state of being together

*They offered him the hand of **fellowship** when he was in difficulties.*

ferocious

a. fierce; savage; wild; indicating cruelty

*The **ferocious** winds seemed about to tear the ship to pieces.*

fertile

a. rich; fruitful; inventive; creative; intellectually productive

*It provides a **fertile** idea for a group of entrepreneurs.*

fervent

a. extremely hot; sincerely or intensely felt

*She felt that the **fervent** praise was excessive and somewhat undeserved.*

fester

v. undergo decay; infect, inflame, or corrupt;

*Letting the problem continue to **fester** is not an option; it could well provoke another crisis and outbreak of more general fighting through out the region.*

fetter

v. restrain with U-shaped bar for ankles or feet; impede; hamper
*They **fetter** the prisoner to the wall.*

fibre

n. slender, elongated, threadlike object or structure
*The Maya produced **fibre** from the henequen plant since the time of Christ.*

finite

a. having a limit; limited in quantity, degree, or capacity; bounded
*By the way, it's wrong to think a single individual can overtake a population of size infinity in **finite** time.*

fixture

n. commonplace object; object firmly fixed in place
*It was vain to try to read with such an inscrutable **fixture** before me; nor could I, in impatience, consent to be dumb; he might rebuff me if he liked, but talk I would.*

flabby

a. weak; lacking firmness
*If they become too fat, that is a flaw and they are called **flabby**.*

flavour

n. quality produced by the sensation of taste; a variety of tastes attributed to an object
*Cream cheese frosting with pineapple **flavour** is my favourite.*

flicker

v. flutter; flap the wings without flying; waver unsteadily, like a flame in a current of air

*The generator started to whir; the lights on it began to **flicker** and sparks shot out from the wires.*

flourish

v. grow well; decorate with ornaments; be in a period of productivity

*Upsets may occur, even painful misunderstandings and separations, yet the essential love remains, and might again **flourish**, more temperately.*

fluctuate

v. rise and fall in or as if in waves; shift; vary irregularly

*The water pressure in our shower does **fluctuate** wildly.*

fluent

a. easy and graceful in shape; graceful; smooth and unconstrained in movement

*There was a yacht with long, **fluent** curves in water.*

flutter

v. vibrate or move quickly; drive in disorder; throw into confusion; wave or flap rapidly in an irregular manner

*Out in the street the loudspeakers bellow, the flags **flutter** from the rooftops, the police prowl to and fro.*

flux

n. flowing; series of changes; state of being liquid through heat

*While conditions are in such a state of **flux**, I do not wish to commit myself*

too deeply in this affair.

flyover

n. flight over a specific location, usually at low altitude, as by a formation of military aircraft; overpass, as on a highway

*Why do we have to have an ear-splitting **flyover** of military jets at baseball games?*

forecast

n. prediction about how something will develop, as for weather

*Weather **forecast** said there are early signs that this continent risks entering another El Nino episode.*

forerunner

n. predecessor; one who goes before or announces the coming of another

*Doug Engelbart helped launch the Internet's **forerunner**, the Arpanet.*

foresee

v. anticipate; predict

*Local Republican leaders **foresee** Bush nomination.*

format

v. pattern; design; set into a specific pattern

*Please **format** this letter so it can be printed out.*

formulate

v. decide upon and express in words

*The deputy prime minister, Abdullah Badawi had to **formulate** Malaysia's*

response to the US-led invasion of Iraq, deal with the outbreak of the SARS virus and keep watch while the courts heard an appeal by his jailed predecessor Anwar Ibrahim.

forte

n. particular skill; special talent

*However, her main **forte** is the young readers 'novels, where children ride out their own adventures with minimal adult help.*

fortify

v. make strong or stronger; prepare oneself for a military confrontation

*Allowing women to join the infantry and take on combat positions, would **fortify** military efforts.*

fortnight

n. a period of fourteen consecutive days

*If you think it useful to write to me, within a **fortnight** from the present date, direct to me at the post-office.*

frail

a. physically weak; easily broken

*He was 49 years old and in **frail** health, suffering from diabetes.*

framework

n. fundamental structure, as for a written work; skeleton

*If they're given a draft **framework** for such a body, the rebels say they are willing to resume negotiations.*

List 13

fraught

a. furnished or equipped; sufficient to satisfy

*Since this enterprise is **fraught** with danger, I will ask for volunteers who are willing to assume the risks.*

frontier

n. part of a country which fronts or faces another country or an unsettled region; border, confine, or extreme part of a country

*The new **frontier** of medical knowledge is being pushed forwards as time goes on.*

frugal

a. sparing; economical; costing little; inexpensive

*Just keep in mind that being **frugal** is not a bad thing, but being cheap is not so attractive.*

fruition

n. bearing of fruit; fulfillment; realization

*This building marks the **fruition** of all our aspirations and years of hard work.*

frustrate

v. make null; bring to nothing; prevent from taking effect or attaining fulfillment

*We must **frustrate** this dictator's plan to seize control of the government.*

fulfil

v. fill full; fill to the utmost capacity, as a vessel, a room; make full or complete

*In spite of all the difficulties, we try to **fulfil** our task ahead of schedule.*

fume

n. a cloud of fine particles suspended in a gas; emit a cloud of fine particles

*But, the **fume** gas control techniques of most of them are highly advanced, where dioxins emission is usually controlled within standard.*

funnel

n. passage or avenue for a fluid or flowing substance; specifically, a smoke flue or pipe; iron chimney of a steamship or the like

*I need a **funnel** to pour petrol into the tank.*

furnish

v. provide; supply; equip with what is needed, especially to provide furniture for

*It cost \$18 million to design, build and **furnish**, which is about \$3 million more than the average for the newly built branches.*

gaily

ad. merrily; showily; in a joyful, cheerful, or happy manner

*They **gaily** went on talking after the film had started.*

gaol

n. place of confinement, especially for minor offenses or provisional imprisonment

*Poor old Clegg spent years in **gaol** before we discovered there was no*

proof it was his bullet that killed anyone.

gape

v. open the mouth wide; yawn from sleepiness, weariness, or dullness

*We saw the huge pit **gape** before him; if he stumbled, he would fall in.*

gaudy

a. very showy or ornamented, especially when excessive, or in a tasteless or vulgar manner

*The newest Trump skyscraper is typically **gaudy**, covered in gilded panels that gleam in the sun.*

gaunt

a. very thin, especially from disease or hunger or cold; barren

*His once round face looked surprisingly **gaunt** after he had lost weight.*

generalize

v. reach conclusion; become systemic and spread throughout the body

*This kind of infection must **generalize** throughout the immune system.*

genial

a. friendly; cordial; having a pleasant or friendly disposition or manner

*He was in his after-dinner mood; more **genial** and also more self-indulgent than the frigid and rigid temper of the morning.*

geology

n. science which treats the structure and mineral constitution of the globe

*Someone who has a PhD in **geology** definitely knows quite a lot about rocks.*

ghastly

a. horrible; inspiring shock; extremely unpleasant or bad

*It was a kind of **ghastly** waiting for the jurymen to return; it is so hard to spend.*

glacier

n. a large body of ice which flows under its own mass, usually downhill

*The Pamir is one of the highest mountain ranges on earth - the point where Central Asia rise to meet China and Pakistan among a mass of peak and **glacier**.*

gland

n. any of various organs that synthesize substances needed by the body and release it through ducts or directly into the bloodstream

*Located at the base of the brain, the pituitary **gland** is protected by a bony structure.*

gleam

v. cause to emit a flash of light

*When she sees the light of a candle, the only light for the palaces of kings in her day, **gleam** from the window of her home, which she is approaching.*

glide

v. slide; move in a smooth, effortless manner

We better **glide** out of this before three in the morning, and clip it down the river with what we've got.

glimmer

n. dim or intermittent flicker or flash of light; faint glow;
shimmer

*You could see the **glimmer** from the pond in the front yard and hear the gentle roll of the water from the small creek.*

glossary

n. brief explanation of words, often placed at back of book

*I have found the **glossary** in this book very useful; it has eliminated many trips to the dictionary.*

goad

v. urge with a long pointed stick; give heart or courage to

*His friends **goad** him until he yields to their wishes.*

gradual

a. proceeding by steps or degrees; advancing, step by step, as in ascent or descent or from one state to another; regularly

progressive

*There has been a **gradual** increase in the number of people owning cars.*

granary

n. building for storing threshed grain; region yielding much grain

*When you harvest your crop, you store it in a fat dried mud and stick **granary**, which is taller than you can reach.*

granular

a. consisting of or resembling grains; having grainy texture

*More **granular** observations can be found in the photos at left.*

graph

n. chart; a drawing illustrating the relations

*This **graph** is a couple years old, but the point is valid today.*

grate

v. make a harsh noise; have an unpleasant effect; shred

*The screams of the quarreling children **grate** on her nerves.*

gratuity

n. something given freely or without recompense; free gift; a present

*To express their gratitude, patients provided a more-or-less voluntary **gratuity**.*

gravel

n. small stones, or fragments of stone; very small pebbles, often intermixed with particles of sand

*They saw him draw a bucket of **gravel** from the hole and tilt it on the edge of the dump.*

graze

v. scrape gently; feed on growing grasses and herbage

*In the morning, if you're lucky, you'll get a visit from the two gentle horses that **graze** the hill.*

grit

n. sand or gravel; rough, hard particles; coarse part of meal; grain, as oats or wheat

*And quite frequently, dust in the air produces colored rain, like the red-tinted rain that dropped fine **grit** from the Sahara over southern England in 1968.*

groan

v. give forth a low, moaning sound in breathing

*He keeled over on to the floor amongst the dogs, and begun to **groan** like he was dying.*

grope

v. search blindly or uncertainly; reach about uncertainly; feel one's way

*You **grope** for your next handhold or foothold as you slowly make your way to the top.*

grumble

v. utter or emit low dull rumbling sounds

*When a local historical society showed interest in preserving the Cider Barrel, he began to **grumble**, complaining about the "society."*

guideline

n. statement or other indication of policy; light line, used in lettering, to help align the text

*A good **guideline** is to post enough to keep your page fresh.*

guild

n. association of people belonging to the same class, or engaged in kindred pursuits; business corporation

*A meeting of the townswomen's **guild** will be held on Monday.*

gush

v. flow forth suddenly in great volume; make an excessive display

*The president uses Twitter to inform followers about events he attends, to post articles he finds interesting, and to **gush** about famous visitors to campus.*

List 14

gust

n. blast; outburst

*If a **gust** of wind swept the waste, I looked up, fearing it was the rush of a bull; if a plover whistled, I imagined it a man.*

gymnasium

n. place or building where athletic exercises are performed; a school for gymnastics

*A new **gymnasium** has been built on our campus.*

haphazard

a. not thorough, constant or consistent; by chance

*His **haphazard** reading left him unacquainted with the authors of the books.*

harbour

n. sheltered part of a body of water deep enough to provide anchorage for ships; place of shelter; refuge

*This is the famous Sydney Opera House at night - picture taken from a water taxi in the **harbour**.*

hazardous

a. dangerous; reckless; daring; inclined to run risks

*People who employ pregnant women and children in **hazardous** occupations do so because such labor is cheaper than the labor of adult men, it's a simple matter of maximizing profits.*

headstrong

a. stubbornly and often recklessly willful; unyielding

*I know I'm the good girl, the pure girl, the smart girl, the over-achieving girl, and maybe it's something that makes me the kind of **headstrong** girl.*

hedge

n. thicket of bushes, usually thorn bushes

*The hay was all got in; the trees were in their dark prime; **hedge** and wood, full-leaved and deeply tinted, contrasted well with the sunny hue of the cleared meadows between.*

heighten

v. enhance; hoist; raise or increase the quantity or degree of; intensify

*This action worried others because it might **heighten** political instability.*

henceforth

ad. from this time forward; henceforward

*Basically, we should all just assume that everything they say **henceforth** is just another lie.*

hierarchy

n. arrangement by rank or standing; series in which each element is graded or ranked

*To be low man on the totem pole is to have an inferior place in the **hierarchy**.*

hijack

v. stop and rob a vehicle in transit; seize control of by use of force

*If you attempt to **hijack** or otherwise destroy this aircraft, we encourage*

your fellow passengers to remove you from your seat and beat you until you are dead.

hinder

v. put at a disadvantage; tie up; hamper; prevent the progress
*Developing countries were exempt, as it was felt cutbacks would **hinder** development and add to the existing burden of debt.*

hinge

n. a joint that holds two parts together so that one can swing relative to the other
*His absence is the **hinge** of our plan.*

historian

n. one who is an authority on history
*Someone who writes an account of the times is a **historian** just as much as someone who concerns themselves only with the events prior to them.*

hitchhike

v. travel by getting free rides from passing vehicles; be carried along with something else
*Not knowing where to turn, he began to **hitchhike** his way back to Arkansas.*

hitherto

ad. to this place; to a prescribed limit; up to this time; as yet; until now
*The weather, which had **hitherto** been sunny and mild, suddenly turned cold.*

hoist

v. raise; lift; elevate; raise to one's mouth in order to drink

*We slid by, pretty wide away from the town, and didn't **hoist** our lantern till we was clear out of sight of it.*

holdall

n. container for holding or carrying miscellaneous items, especially a traveling case or bag

*He claimed to occupy a chair near the back door and possess one small **holdall** containing all his personal possessions.*

holocaust

n. great destruction resulting in the extensive loss of life, especially by fire; massive slaughter

*A **holocaust** is an event so terrible that it's hard to believe or talk about.*

homestay

n. students visiting a foreign country to study, board with a local family at an affordable price

*I have such friendly neighbors, students, parents of students, **homestay** families, etc.*

homogeneous

a. of the same or similar nature or kind

*Because the student body at Elite Prep was so **homogeneous**, Sara decided to send daughter to another school that offered greater cultural diversity.*

horticulture

n. cultivation of plants

A unique post secondary educational opportunity that blends academic

ornamental **horticulture** studies and practical training at this school.

hover

v. hang about; wait nearby; remain floating

*He held the aircraft to **hover** on the lake and listened over his headset.*

howl

v. utter a loud, mournful sound or cry, as dogs and wolves often do; utter a sound expressive of distress; cry aloud and mournfully

*There are some neighbor dogs I would like to use it on, just to train them not to bark and **howl**, especially when they wake me up at night.*

hubbub

n. loud noise of many confused voices; tumult; uproar.

*He covered his head with the bedclothes and waited in a horror of suspense for his doom; for he had not the shadow of a doubt that this entire **hubbub** was about him.*

humdrum

a. lacking variety or excitement; monotonous

*After his years of adventure, he could not settle down to a **humdrum** existence.*

humidity

n. dampness; moisture

*But too much or too little **humidity** can produce a host of difficulties for householders.*

hypothesis

n. assumption; theory

A **hypothesis** is a tentative statement that proposes a possible.

ideology

n. study of origin and nature of ideas

For people who had grown up believing in the communist **ideology**, it was hard to adjust to capitalism.

idiom

n. expression whose meaning differs from meanings of its individual words; distinctive style

The phrase "to lose one's marbles" is an **idiom**: if I say that Joe's lost his marbles, I'm not asking you to find some for him. I'm telling you that he's crazy.

ignite

v. kindle; cause to start burning; set fire to

A nuclear-armed Iran would **ignite** a nuclear arms race in the Middle East.

illiterate

a. uncultured; uneducated; not able to read or write

The children are musically **illiterate** in that village.

illuminate

v. provide or brighten with light; clear up or make understandable; enlighten

Yes, I have hidden her; neither the light of the sun, nor any social taper shall again **illuminate** her kindly face.

illustrate

v. represent; demonstrate; depict; clarify, as by use of examples or comparisons

*The editor will **illustrate** the definition with an example sentence.*

imitate

v. copy the actions, appearance, mannerisms, or speech of; mimic; use or follow as a model

*I can't **imitate** him, and so I am not going to try to; but he has really done it pretty good.*

immense

a. enormous; boundless; so great as to be beyond measurement

*He expressed **immense** disappointment with the way the Clintons have run the campaign.*

immerse

v. plunge into anything, especially a fluid; sink; dip

*We are ready to invite you all to **immerse** in Mathematics for two weeks this summer.*

immigrant

n. one who comes to a country where they were not born in order to settle there; non-native

*His is a glamorous version of the American **immigrant** dream, arriving as a mere Austrian bodybuilder before finding fame, fortune and wife.*

immigrate

v. move into another country to stay there permanently

*The cost to **immigrate** legally needs to be lowered, or we will see more border accidents.*

impair

v. injure or hurt; become worse; affect negatively

*Drinking alcohol can **impair** your ability to drive safely; if you're going to drink, don't drive.*

List 15

impart

v. reveal or tell; grant a share of; bestow

*Well, I think one of the things I'd like this book to **impart** is a sense of how complex people's lives are.*

impede

v. hinder; charge with improper conduct; challenge validity of; try to discredit

*A series of accidents **impede** the launching of the space shuttle.*

impetus

n. incentive; stimulus; force or energy associated with a moving body

*A new federal highway program would create jobs and give added **impetus** to our economic recovery.*

implement

v. put into effect; supply with tools

*The mayor was unwilling to **implement** the plan until she was sure it had the governor's backing.*

implicit

a. implied or understood though not directly expressed

*Jack never told Jill he adored her; he believed his love was **implicit** in his actions.*

inapt

a. unapt; not apt; unsuitable; inept.

*Indeed, his example is so **inapt** that I'm kind of shocked that he wrote it.*

inaugurate

v. start; initiate; induct into office by formal ceremony

*The airline decided to **inaugurate** its new route to the Far East with a special reduced fare offer.*

incidence

n. rate of occurrence; particular occurrence

*The highest **incidence** is found in Britain, Australia and Belgium: 30 per 1,000,000 per year.*

incipient

a. beginning to exist or appear; in an early stage

*I will go to sleep early for I want to break an **incipient** cold.*

incite

v. arouse to action; motivate; induce to exist

*In a fiery speech, Mario and his fellow students **incite** audience to go out on strike to protest the government.*

inclination

n. preference; tendency; inclined surface; slope

*I have the greatest **inclination** to follow up my advantage to purpose.*

incline

n. cause to lean, slant, or slope; deviate from the horizontal or vertical

*The architect recommended that the nursing home's ramp be rebuilt because its **incline** was too steep for wheelchairs.*

inclusive

a. tending to include all; taking a great deal or everything within its scope

*The comedian turned down the invitation to join the Players' Club, saying any club that would let him in was too **inclusive** for him.*

incongruous

a. not fitting; lacking in harmony or compatibility

*Dave saw nothing **incongruous** about wearing sneakers with his tuxedo; he couldn't understand why his date took one look at him and started to laugh.*

incorporate

v. combine something into a larger whole; unite

*I will provide the template for the website but will need someone in **incorporate** the matrix along with the members area and a few other aspects to go along with the members area.*

increment

n. process of increasing in number, size, quantity, or extent

*The new contract calls for a 10 percent **increment** in salary for each employee for the next two years.*

incur

v. bring upon oneself; become liable to; acquire or come into

*Today when a corporation loses a court decision the universal punishment they **incur** is that they are made to pay a fine.*

indefinite

a. unclear; vague; lacking precise limits

*The **indefinite**, which is born from the human and divine combination of the infinite and the finite, escapes them.*

indelible

a. impossible to remove, erase, or wash away; permanent

*The **indelible** ink left a permanent mark on my shirt.*

indemnity

n. security; insurance; exemption from loss or damage; immunity from penalty, or the punishment; amnesty

*It would also offer an **indemnity** against losses in excess of 0.1 percentage point on all outstanding loans.*

indicator

n. one who, or that which, shows or points out

*I think the best **indicator** is simply customer satisfaction.*

indifferent

a. having no particular interest or concern; being neither good nor bad

*No one can remain **indifferent** when an orchestra of Palestinian children comes to play for Holocaust survivors and to bring delight to the old people.*

indignant

a. affected with indignation; wrathful; passionate; irate; feeling wrath by unworthy or unjust treatment

"Stupid things!" Alice began in a loud, **indignant** voice, but she stopped hastily.

indispensable

a. essential; requisite; impossible to be omitted or remitted
*It was the routine but **indispensable** ceremonies of state.*

inert

a. inactive; lacking power to move; unable to move or act
*Potential intelligence, like potential, can remain **inert** forever.*

inertia

n. property of matter by which it tends when at rest to remain so, and when in motion to continue in motion, and in the same straight line or direction
*Because of the sheer **inertia** of the system many badly needed reform is never introduced.*

infer

v. deduce; conclude from evidence or premises; lead to as a consequence or conclusion
*From the students' glazed looks, it was easy for me to **infer** that they were bored out of their minds.*

inference

n. inferring by deduction or induction; truth or proposition drawn from another which is admitted or supposed to be true; conclusion; deduction
*If he is guilty, then by **inference** so is she; both should be in trouble.*

infest

v. overrun; invade in great numbers; occupy in large numbers or live on a host

*The Kudzu plant does **infest** much of the South and is spreading to the North.*

influx

n. flowing into; mass arrival or incoming

*The **influx** of refugees into the country has taxed the relief agencies severely.*

infrastructure

n. underlying base or foundation especially for an organization or system

*Mexican federal aviation officials have indicated a substantial investment in **infrastructure** is needed for the airline to comply.*

infringe

v. act contrary to, as a law, right, or obligation; annul or hinder
*I am disgusted at this decision by the government, to once again **infringe** on the rights of the people of the countryside!*

inhabit

v. live in; occupy; reside in

*Hundreds of whales **inhabit** near this coast.*

inhabitant

n. resident; someone or thing who lives in a place

*The local animal welfare department has been called in to care for the **inhabitant** of the zoo.*

inherent

a. firmly established by nature or habit

*Each branch of the federal government has certain **inherent** powers.*

inhibit

v. restrain; prevent or forbid; hold back

*Only two things **inhibit** him from taking a punch at Mike Tyson: Tyson's left hook, and Tyson's right jab.*

injure

v. do harm to; inflict damage; do injustice to

*Generally people who **injure** limbs have bad arthritis as they mature.*

inland

a. within the land; more or less remote from the ocean or from open water; interior

*Beijing is an **inland** city; water resource is becoming the principle challenge for city development.*

innovate

v. change or alter by bringing in something new

*For many in our industry, the capacity to **innovate** is closely tied to developing human resources.*

innovation

n. introduction of something new

*The United States, a nation that has always led the way in **innovation**, is now being outpaced in math and science education.*

List 16

innumerable

a. countless; numerous

*Some vague figures approached through the gloom, swinging an old-fashioned tin lantern that freckled the ground with **innumerable** little spangles of light.*

inquire

v. ask a question; seek for truth or information by putting queries

*I was instructed to **inquire** from the German Government as to whether a German submarine had sunk the Sussex.*

insipid

a. lacking flavor or zest; not tasty; dull

*Flat prose and flat ginger ale are equally **insipid**: both lack sparkle.*

insolvent

a. bankrupt; unable to repay one's debts

*Although young Lord Widgeon was **insolvent**, he had no fear of being thrown into debtors' prison, for he was sure that if his creditors pressed him for payment his wealthy parents would repay what he owed.*

instalment

n. installing or giving possession of an office with the usual ceremonies; installation; partial payment on account of debt

*After waiting a very long time for the final **instalment**, the reader felt utterly let down by the way the author chose to complete the story.*

instantaneous

a. instant; immediate; occurring with no delay

*Well might the velocity of light be called **instantaneous** by the early observers.*

instrumental

a. serving or acting as a means or aid; helpful; relating to musical instruments

*Scientists may have identified a region of the brain **instrumental** in the creation of dreams.*

insulate

v. make an island of; place in a detached situation, or in a state having no communication with surrounding objects; isolate; separate

*It is important to **insulate** the furnace from any neighboring woodwork with brick and asbestos.*

integral

a. essential or necessary for completeness; entire

*Despite the ratings agencies' spectacular failures during the recent crisis, their assessments remain **integral** to the structure of the financial system.*

integrate

v. make whole; combine; make into one unit

*She tried to **integrate** all their activities into one program.*

intelligible

a. understandable; clear to the mind

*This reproach of my dependence had become a vague sing-song in my ear: very painful and crushing, but only half **intelligible**.*

intensify

v. strengthen; magnify; increase the contrast of

*The Memorandum of Understanding signed today will further **intensify** power trading across borders.*

interim

n. time between one event, process; interval of time

*For banks on the edge, their ability to maintain capital levels in the **interim** is the important factor.*

intermediate

a. middle; lying between two extremes

*They are all from sitting to standing without **intermediate** pushes with the hands.*

intermittent

a. periodic; on and off; stopping and starting at intervals

*The outdoor wedding reception had to be moved indoors to avoid the **intermittent** showers that fell on and off all afternoon.*

intersection

n. point where lines intersect; act of intersecting

*The street will be widened as part of the construction of the new Golden Ears Route and 176 Street **intersection**.*

interval

n. pause; break; space between two objects, points, or units

The first week, it spouted every five hours, but recently the **interval** is eight hours.

intricate

a. complex; elaborate; having many complexly arranged elements

*By contrast Peirce's logic is reasonably clear, and he takes great pains to work it out in **intricate** detail; basically it is the whole logical apparatus of the physical and social sciences.*

intrinsic

a. relating to essential nature of a thing; inherent; built-in

*Although my grandmother's china has little **intrinsic** value, I shall always cherish it for the memories it evokes.*

inundate

v. overwhelm; cover with water, especially floodwaters

*Until the great dam was built, the waters of the Nile used to **inundate** the river valley like clockwork every year.*

invariably

ad. constantly; always

*I generally contrived to reserve a moiety of this bounteous repast for myself; but the remainder I was **invariably** obliged to part with.*

invert

v. turn upside down or inside out; reverse the position, order, or condition of

*When he tried to **invert** his body in a handstand, he felt the blood rush to his head.*

invigilate

v. watch diligently; keep watch over examination candidates to prevent cheating

*Last week I had to **invigilate** another exam at work.*

invoice

n. bill; commercial document issued by seller to buyer indicating the products, quantities and prices

*The first section of the sample **invoice** is the information block.*

invoke

v. call upon; ask for; request earnestly

*I again **invoke** the cooperation of the executive and legislative authorities of the States in this great purpose.*

irrespective

a. without regard for conditions, circumstances, or consequences; unbiased; independent

*From now onwards everyone will have to communicate in Marathi **irrespective** of what they belong to.*

isle

n. island; spot within another of a different color

*Why don't you and your father go to the other side of the **isle** and stay there?*

jagged

a. unevenly cut; having the texture of something so cut; having a rough quality

*"Especially him," a Mask shouted, pointing at a man with a **jagged** red line on his chest.*

jeer

n. gear; tackle; combination of tackles, for hoisting or lowering the lower yards of a ship

*As I said, it is very easy to **jeer** from the sidelines and make boastful claims of what you would do in the same situation.*

jeopardise

v. pose a threat to; present a danger to; threaten

*With competition from cities like Berlin, Shanghai or Mumbai, we must not **jeopardise** London's position as a world creative hub.*

jumble

n. assemble without order or sense; confused multitude of things; chaos; mess; mixture

*The finale was one big **jumble** of nonsense, just like the entire series was.*

kernel

n. central or vital part; most material and central part; grain or seed as of corn

*"Watson, buried within this tissue of lies there is a **kernel** of truth; when I find it, the mystery will be solved."*

kindle

v. build or fuel a fire; cause to glow; light up; inspire

*One of the first things Ben learned in the Boy Scouts was how to **kindle** a fire by rubbing two dry sticks together.*

laborious

a. demanding much work or care; tedious

*In putting together his dictionary of the English language, Doctor Johnson undertook a **laborious** task.*

laden

a. loaded; freighted; oppressed or burdened

*It dulls the pain, eliminates nausea, and makes you hungry for a protein **laden** meal.*

lament

v. grieve; express sorrow; regret deeply

*Even advocates of the war **lament** the loss of so many lives in combat.*

languid

a. lacking energy or vitality; weak; sluggish; lacking spirit or liveliness

*Her siege of illness left her **languid** and pallid.*

latent

a. present or potential but not evident or active; dormant; hidden

*Existing arrangements contain **latent** functions that can be neither seen nor replaced by the reformer.*

lateral

a. coming from side; situated at or extending to the side

*In order to get good plant growth, the gardener must pinch off all **lateral** shoots.*

laudable

a. deserving of praise; worthy of high praise

*Kristin's dedication is **laudable**, but she does not have the necessary skills to be a good paralegal.*

List 17

lavish

a. liberal; wasteful; excessive spending

*I would fly to Paris and stay in **lavish** hotels if someone else were paying.*

lax

a. loose and not easily controlled; lacking in rigor or strictness

*In both oil and finance large sums are made in **lax** regulatory environments that few will ever understand or even care about.*

layman

n. someone who is not a clergyman or a professional person; generally ignorant person

*His is just the **layman**'s view of medicine.*

layoff

n. dismissal of employees from their jobs

*A mass **layoff** is defined as any firing involving at least 50 people.*

leaflet

n. small leaf; leaf like organ or part

*The **leaflet** is tiny because it's meant to appeal to people who'll just glance at it before throwing it away.*

legislate

v. make laws; create or pass laws

*He did his best to **legislate** from the bench and we'll be living with his opinions for the rest of our lives.*

lenient

a. relaxing; emollient; softening

*I was growing very **lenient** to my master: I was forgetting all his faults, for which I had once kept a sharp look-out.*

levy

v. impose fine or tax; collect payment

*Crying "No taxation without representation," the colonists demonstrated against England's power to **levy** taxes.*

linear

a. having form of a line; straight; consisting of lines; lineal

*Most textbooks are a mass of information in **linear** format: one topic follows after another.*

literacy

n. reading and writing; ability to read and write

*Critics believe the measures will discriminate against migrants with low levels of **literacy** and for whom English is not their first language.*

livestock

n. any animals kept for use or profit

*Or, he may decide to feed it to his own **livestock**.*

loath

a. unwilling or reluctant; filled with disgust or aversion; dislike

*The Japanese government was **loath** to recognize the problem, preferring to wait in hopes that its banking system would heal itself.*

locality

n. place; district; surrounding or nearby region; particular neighborhood

*The "Tropical Valley" has been associated with their names since they entered the **locality** from the Yukon side in 1924.*

lodging

n. accommodation; lodging

*Wherever you go to on the English coast you find a number of bathing machines in the sea, some children digging in the sand with wooden spades, then a row of **lodging** houses, and behind them a railway station.*

lofty

a. high, tall, having great height; idealistic, implying over-optimism

*Though Barbara Jordan's fellow students used to tease her about her **lofty** ambitions, she rose to hold one of the highest positions in the land.*

loll

v. be lazy or idle; move, stand, or recline in relaxed manner

*They **loll** around in their chairs watching television.*

loom

v. appear or take shape, usually in enlarged or distorted form

*The shadow of the gallows would **loom** threateningly above the small boy.*

loth

a. strongly opposed; hateful; unwillingness to do something

*The club would be **loth** to see him move to a rival Premier League club under freedom of contract next summer.*

lubricate

v. make smooth or slippery

*When we last moved, our home inspector recommended using wipes to **lubricate** all of the window tracks.*

lucid

a. easily understood; clear; intelligible

*So in **lucid** moments, you structure your life to serve your own best interest.*

lull

n. moment of calm; a period of calm weather; temporary quiet and rest

*Not wanting to get wet, they waited under the cover for a **lull** in the rain.*

luminous

a. shining; emitting light, especially emitting self-generated light

*The sun is a **luminous** body.*

lurk

v. stealthily lie in waiting; exist unperceived

*Who knows what evil can **lurk** in the hearts of men? The Shadow knows.*

mackintosh

n. waterproof long coat made of rubberized cloth

*He hung his **mackintosh** and hat on the rack in the comfortable square hall and turned to her for direction.*

madden

v. make mad; drive to madness; craze; excite violently with passion; make very angry

*It may **madden** me if she will be chosen instead of me.*

magnanimous

a. generous; high-minded; chivalrous

*The last area where Obama should be **magnanimous** is on Defense policy.*

magnate

n. powerful or influential person, especially in business or industry

*The former telecommunications **magnate** is now living overseas, mostly in Dubai and Montenegro, to avoid imprisonment on a corruption conviction.*

magnify

v. intensify; increase; make greater in size; enlarge

*If increasing the text size via the browser or Windows options does not make text easy to read, then the next step is to **magnify** the screen.*

maim

v. wound seriously; cause permanent loss of function of limb or part of body

*The hospital was crowded, we believe the railroad accident to **maim** lots of people.*

maize

n. tall annual cereal grass bearing kernels on large ears

*Their task was to carry the **maize** from the field to our courtyard.*

majestic

a. stately; royal; relating to a monarch

*And above it all the great man sat and beamed a **majestic** judicial smile upon the entire house, and warmed himself in the sun of his own grandeur.*

malignant

a. injurious; tending to cause death; disposed to do evil

*An experimental development of this field is to use this ray that concentrates in **malignant** brain tumors.*

malleable

a. capable of being shaped by pounding; impressionable

*Gold is a **malleable** metal, easily shaped into bracelets and rings.*

malnutrition

n. state of poor nutrition

*It says **malnutrition** rates are close to emergency levels and is calling on the public to donate money for clean water, medicine and sanitation.*

maltreat

v. treat ill; abuse; treat roughly.

*We all are obliged not to **maltreat** any child and parents have a particular duty to care for their children.*

mammal

n. warm-blooded vertebrate having skin covered with hair

*North America Grizzly Bear: This is a **mammal**, that is 5 to 8 ft tall, weighs about 800 pounds, and lives to be 25 yrs old.*

manacle

n. handcuff; shackle for hand or wrist; instrument of iron for fettering the hand

*Then he commanded to cast her into prison and **manacle** and fetter her.*

mania

n. craze; madness; an irrational but irresistible motive for a belief or action

*This wasn't some fine print side effect of the medication; I was experiencing a full blown medication-induced **mania** and I was out of control.*

manifold

a. various in kind or quality; many in number; numerous; multiplied; complicated

*The same threat is repeated in **manifold** forms to awaken the careless.*

maritime

a. relating to, or adjacent to the sea; nautical

*We are working to enhance defense and security cooperation in **maritime** security and combating organized crime.*

List 18

maximise

v. make as big or large as possible

*Glass shelves help **maximise** light in a small bathroom.*

meagre

a. deficient in amount, quality, or extent; having little flesh; lean; scanty or inadequate;

*This was a meal bonus to supplement our **meagre** rations and kept our spirits up.*

mediate

v. resolve or settle differences by working with all conflicting parties

*King Solomon was asked to **mediate** a dispute between two women, each of whom claimed to be the mother of the same child.*

meditate

v. dwell on anything in thought; think seriously; keep the mind fixed upon; purpose; plan in the mind

*For me the reason to **meditate** is to clear my mind, as well as to become keen to intuition.*

meek

a. quiet and obedient; showing patience and humility

*The essence of **meek** is to be patient with ignorance, slow to anger and never hold a grudge.*

melancholy

a. gloomy; feeling of thoughtful sadness; affected by depression
*You are not well, you have no friend to cheer you, and this **melancholy** is the result.*

melodious

a. harmonious; euphonic; agreeable to hear; producing agreeable, especially musical, sounds
*He was eating an apple, and giving a long, **melodious** whoop, at intervals, followed by a deep-toned ding-dong-dong, ding-dong-dong.*

mercantile

a. trading; commercial; of or relating to trade or traders
*The ultimate purpose of **mercantile** policy was to enhance national strength, provide self-sufficiency, and pay for military power.*

merge

v. combine; unite
*Their solution to crippling financial problems has been to **merge** with one another in an attempt to get bigger and hopefully stronger.*

mesh

n. opening or space enclosed by the threads of a net between knot and knot; network or net
*He is mending the wire **mesh** in front of the chicken coop.*

metabolism

n. chemical processes occurring within a living cell or organism to maintenance of life
*When you then get down to a lower weight, the damage to **metabolism** is still there, invisible, affecting all your efforts to control your weight.*

metallic

a. of or pertaining to metal; of metal nature; resembling metal
*The carriers in **metallic** conductors are electrons, and they all carry the same negative charge.*

meteorology

n. earth science dealing with phenomena of the atmosphere; predicting what the weather will be
*Bureau of **meteorology** web homepage provides the Australian community with access to weather forecasts and severe weather warnings.*

meticulous

a. excessively careful; marked by extreme care in treatment of details
*One neighbor, who usually uses the truck to haul away lawn debris, always returns the truck in **meticulous** condition.*

metric

n. standard of measurement; geometric function that describes the distances between pairs of points in a space
*The **metric** is percent of total unemployed that are unemployed for longer than 1 year.*

metropolitan

a. city center; one who lives in a city center
*Trains are less subsidized than roads, and much more efficient in **metropolitan** areas.*

microbe

n. germ; minute life form; microorganism, especially a bacterium that causes disease

*A **microbe** is any living organism that spends its life at a size too tiny to be seen with the naked eye.*

microcosm

n. small, representative system having analogies to larger system; miniature model of something

*The small village community that Jane Austen depicts serves as a **microcosm** of English society in her time.*

microfilm

n. continuous roll of film containing photographs of documents at a greatly reduced size

*The **microfilm** is worn out and no effort is made to improve the situation.*

migrate

v. move from one country or region to another and settle there

*Many Germans chose to **migrate** to South America in the mid-19th century.*

mildew

n. growth of minute powdery or webby fungi; state of decay produced in living and dead vegetable matter

*It would be a good idea to treat all the walls in the room because **mildew** is a microscopic spore and even though it may not be visible, it may still be present.*

militant

a. fighting or warring; having a combative character; aggressive
*People are just too preoccupied with trying to survive, to join **militant** movements.*

millennium

n. span of one thousand years; thousandth anniversary
*The year 2000 and the third **millennium** is a fantastic stepping stone in the evolution of the human species.*

mimic

v. copy or imitate closely, especially in speech, expression
*Scientists process skin tissue to **mimic** embryonic stem cells.*

minimise

v. reduce to the smallest possible amount, extent, size, or degree
*Some of them wish only to **minimise** the number of abortions performed, others will be satisfied with nothing less than reducing the number to zero regardless of the consequences.*

mirage

n. unreal reflection; optical illusion
*In economics, a **mirage** is a naturally occurring phenomenon in which economic statistics are bent to produce an image of a desired outcome.*

mire

v. cause to sink or become stuck in; hinder, entrap, or entangle
*The mud could **mire** their rear wheels.*

misappropriate

v. appropriate wrongly; use for wrong purpose; embezzle

*I like to give names that either illustrate the character or are wildly **misappropriate** for the sake of humor.*

mischance

n. unfortunate occurrence; mishap; bad luck

*By **mischance**, he lost his week's salary.*

misconceive

v. conceive wrongly; interpret incorrectly; receive false notion of; misjudge; misapprehend.

*The part which is wrong will be discontented, in proportion to the importance of the facts they **misconceive**.*

misdeed

n. evil deed; wicked action

*Sometimes the excuse is worse than the original **misdeed**.*

misgiving

n. feeling of doubt, distrust, or apprehension

*I have no **misgiving** in recommending Ms Liu for the position you have in mind.*

mishap

n. unfortunate accident; bad luck

*The man who first gets to the winning post without a **mishap** is the winner.*

misrepresent

v. give false or incorrect impression, often deliberately; serve unsatisfactorily as representative

*In his job application, Milton might **misrepresent** his academic background; he was fired when his employers discovered the truth.*

misuse

v. treat or use improperly; use to bad purpose; misapply; abuse; treat ill

*Any system of government naturally lends itself to **misuse** power.*

mitigate

v. make less severe or harsh; moderate

*Nothing Jason did could **mitigate** Medea's anger; she refused to forgive him for betraying her.*

mobilize

v. assemble, prepare, or put into operation for or as if for war; make mobile or capable of movement

*I want to earn a bike, I need it to **mobilize** myself in the city, from my house to the office.*

moderate

a. temperate; gentle; mild; make less fast or intense ; preside over

*Mr. Berlusconi's alliance of **moderate** and right-wing parties has an absolute majority in the Senate.*

modify

v. alter; change

*If you want to **modify** an existing listing, make sure the url entered below exactly matches the one that appears in our directory.*

molecule

n. the smallest particle of substance, having all the properties of that substance

*The protein **molecule** is made up of a number of organic units known as amino acids.*

List 19

molest

v. trouble; disturb; render uneasy; interfere with; vex
*The two dogs that **molest** the sheep will be killed.*

momentous

a. very important; of outstanding significance or consequence
*I knew that was something that would remain **momentous** in any setting.*

monetary

a. of or relating to money; nation's currency; financial
*Energy systems have external costs, as environmental and health costs, although these are difficult to assess in **monetary** and energy terms.*

monologue

n. speech uttered by a person alone; dramatic soliloquy
*I am not really a big fan of Sarah either but what she said in her opening **monologue** is true.*

monotonous

a. boring; dull; tediously repetitious or lacking in variety
*Nothing is as **monotonous** as the sea.*

monsoon

n. wind blowing part of year from one direction, alternating with a wind from the opposite direction; wind system that influences large climatic regions
*Then, in June, comes the **monsoon** from the south, up from the Bay of*

Bengal.

moped

n. lightweight, two-wheeled vehicle equipped with a small motor and pedals, designed to go no faster than some specified speed limit

*They all saw a youth died while driving a **moped** with no helmet.*

moreover

ad. beyond what has been said; further; besides; in addition; furthermore; also; likewise

*The composition is a not well written, and **moreover**, there are many spelling mistakes in it.*

motif

n. dominant theme or central idea; repeated figure or design in architecture or decoration

*This simple **motif** runs throughout the entire score.*

mould

n. crumbling, soft, friable earth; soil

*For some time there was no noise but the grating sound of the spades discharging their freight of **mould** and gravel.*

mucous

a. slimy, ropy, or stringy, and lubricous

*Head, eyes, ears, nose and throat were remarkable for dry **mucous** membranes.*

muddle

v. make muddy; mix confusedly; think, act, or proceed in confused or aimless manner

*He tried to **muddle** the issues, we cannot see the hope that they will be addressed quickly.*

multilateral

a. having many sides; many-sided

*She felt that the administration was hurting itself by insisting on participating only in **multilateral** talks, as opposed to direct negotiations with North Korea.*

multitude

n. a great number; many

*It has since expanded to include a **multitude** of girls, including several recurring regulars.*

mundane

a. belonging to this earth or world; not ideal or heavenly; concerned with commonplaces; ordinary

*Unlike other players, the CEO and Secretariat are less interested in **mundane** benefits than in value.*

municipal

a. metropolitan; civic; having local self-government

*The streets of Baghdad are littered with rubbish since the collapse of **municipal** services in March.*

murmur

v. make low, confused, and indistinct sound, like that of running water

*The summer air, the restful quiet, and the drowsing **murmur** of the bees had had their effect, and she was nodding over her knitting -- for she had no company but the cat, and it was asleep in her lap.*

mutation

n. change; alteration, either in form or qualities.

*Interestingly, the **mutation** is also associated with certain other negative physiological consequences.*

myriad

a. of very large or indefinite number; of ten thousand

*In China, for example, where a number of different dialects are spoken, the same character can be pronounced in **myriad** ways.*

narcotic

n. addictive drug, such as opium, that reduces pain, alters mood and behavior; inducing sleep

*Some patients seek alternative solutions to long-term **narcotic** painkillers.*

narrative

n. story; art, technique, or process of telling story

*The reason I tried to write it in **narrative**, is I found this to be much more honest way to present the facts of this story.*

natal

a. of one's birth; accompanying or dating from one's birth; native

*I agree that finding a common ground in which to speak about pro **natal** policy will be tricky, but much needed.*

nautical

a. relating to ships, sailors, or navigation

*I dressed myself in **nautical** rig, and went on deck to see all that I could.*

navigable

a. wide and deep enough to allow ships to pass through; able to be steered

*So much sand had built up at the bottom of the canal that the waterway was barely **navigable**.*

necessitate

v. make necessary or indispensable; render unavoidable

*Your proposal will **necessitate** borrowing more money.*

negate

v. cancel out; make ineffective or invalid; deny

*A sudden surge of adrenalin can **negate** the effects of fatigue: there's nothing like a good shock to wake you up.*

negation

n. act of denying; assertion of the nonrealistic or untruthfulness of anything

*Sorry, strictly speaking, the **negation** is applied to the verb and the verb to the subject.*

negligible

a. so small, trifling, or unimportant that it may be easily disregarded

*Because the damage to his car had been **negligible**, Michael decided he wouldn't bother to report the matter to his insurance company.*

nicety

n. precision; subtle difference in meaning, opinion, or attitude
*I cannot see any **nicety** in their reasoning.*

nil

n. nothing; of no account; worthless; zero
*His interaction with the actors is almost **nil**, which is fine with Freeman.*

nitrogen

n. colorless nonmetallic element, tasteless and odorless, comprising four fifths of the atmosphere by volume
*If it were not for oxygen and **nitrogen** in the air, no man could live on the earth.*

nominal

a. in name only; insignificantly small
*He offered to drive her to the airport for only a **nominal** fee.*

nominate

v. designate; appoint
*If you are ready to **nominate** someone, you must complete an application form in one of two ways.*

nostalgia

n. homesickness; bittersweet longing for things of past.
*We've been there for a couple weeks now and the **nostalgia** is there, but we are trying to keep everything fresh.*

notable

a. worthy of note or notice; remarkable; important

*Today the head cook was shaking, for the **notable** chef Julia Child was coming to dinner.*

notary

n. one who records what is said or done; one legally empowered to witness signatures and certify a document's validity

*I think your idea of talking with a **notary** is a great one; they are the highest legal authorities in these matter.*

notation

n. technical system of symbols used to represent special things; comment or instruction

*He added a short **notation** to the address on the envelope.*

nought

n. nonexistence; nothingness; zero

*Put one **nought** after a seven to make seventy.*

nourish

v. provide with nourishment; provide with food or other substances necessary for life and growth

*Along with a devoted team of sixteen full-time staffers and several volunteers, they now **nourish** kids in seventy Toronto daycares.*

nourishment

n. a source of materials to nourish the body

*Each may share equally in **nourishment**, sun, air, water, as long as they keep their distance.*

List 20

novice

n. beginner; person new to a field or activity

*To do this appears so abrupt that the **novice** is apt to make a further effort to finish up the subject.*

noxious

a. harmful to living things; injurious to health

*We must trace the source of these **noxious** gases before they asphyxiate us.*

nuance

n. subtle or slight degree of difference; small difference in meaning

*The problem that I see is that the average low information voter won't get the **nuance**, which is my concern.*

nucleus

n. central or essential part around which other parts are gathered or grouped; core

*Instruments on board will analyze the chemical composition of the comet **nucleus** - the icy core in the head of the comet.*

nullify

v. make invalid; make null; invalidate; counteract force or effectiveness of

*We will **nullify** the contract, it no longer has any legal force next month.*

numerate

v. enumerate; count; read according to the rules of numeration
*Please **numerate** the reasons, any reason, why you continue to banter that WEED is dangerous.*

numerical

a. belonging to number; denoting number; consisting in numbers; expressed by numbers, and not letters

*The survey showed in **numerical** terms why Obama has had so much trouble passing health care reform.*

nurture

v. nourish; help grow or develop; foster

*The Head Start program attempts to **nurture** pre-kindergarten children so that they will do well when they enter public school.*

nylon

n. any of a family of high-strength, resilient synthetic polymers

*Another synthetic fabric, **nylon** is a resilient fabric that has a silky texture to it.*

oar

n. long, thin, usually wooden pole with a blade at one end, used to row or steer a boat

*The other **oar** was smashed off, and the raft was littered up with leaves and branches and dirt.*

obedient

a. subject in will or act to authority; willing to obey; submissive to restraint, control, or command

*It gave them a reason to remain **obedient** to the priestly leaders.*

obligatory

a. morally or legally constraining; required; binding

*It is **obligatory** that books borrowed from the library be returned within two weeks.*

obliging

a. happy and ready to do favors for others

*As she grew up, a sound English education corrected in a great measure her French defects; and when she left school, I found in her a pleasing and **obliging** companion: docile, good-tempered, and well-principled.*

oblique

a. having slanting or sloping direction, course, or position; inclined

*Casting a quick, **oblique** glance at the reviewing stand, the sergeant ordered the company to march.*

oblong

a. having greater length than breadth, especially when rectangular

*These were all shaped like the three gardeners, **oblong** and flat, with their hands and feet at the corners.*

observance

n. act or practice of observing or noticing with attention; an act, ceremony, or rite, as of worship or respect

*The worker was praised for his **observance** of the rules.*

observatory

n. place or building for making observations on the heavenly bodies; building fitted with instruments for making systematic observations of space

*The first solar dynamic **observatory** is expected to be launched no earlier than August 2008.*

obstinate

a. stubbornly adhering to an attitude or opinion; hard to control or treat

*We tried to persuade him to give up smoking, but he was **obstinate** and refused to change.*

obstruct

v. stop; impede; shut out from view

*The trees **obstruct** my view of the mountains.*

occurrence

n. an event that happens

*I believe she was happy in her way: this routine sufficed for her; and nothing annoyed her as much as the **occurrence** of any incident which forced her to vary its clockwork regularity.*

odour

a. any smell, whether fragrant or offensive; scent; perfume

*McGill University discovered that sensitivity to rose **odour** is greater in subjects that are sitting than in those lying down.*

offhand

ad. without planning or thinking ahead; right away; immediately

*The only answer I can think of **offhand** is the bond market and those who have an interest in fixed incomes since inflation would be painful for both.*

offset

v. counterbalance, counteract, or compensate for; balance

*He raised his prices to **offset** the increased cost of materials.*

ominous

a. threatening; foreshadowing evil or tragic developments

*As you know, that law was slipped into a massive **ominous** appropriations bill back in 1999.*

omit

v. leave undone or leave out ; bypass; neglect; fail to include or mention

*On this account we recommend to **omit** from the Swedish draft the paragraphs 5.*

oncoming

a. coming nearer; approaching

*I built them to attempt to withstand the **oncoming** water as well as possible.*

onlooker

n. one that looks on; spectator

*He was an outsider at the best, a friendly **onlooker** who saw little.*

onset

n. beginning or early stages; offensive against enemy

*"An early summer **onset** is clearly no guarantee of a barbeque summer," the scientists say.*

opaque

a. impenetrable by light; not transparent; not reflecting light; having no luster

*The **opaque** window shade kept the sunlight out of the room.*

oppose

v. place in front of, or over against; set opposite; exhibit; confront; resist; withstand

*I ascertained that Rosamond really preferred him, and that her father was not likely to **oppose** the match.*

opt

v. make a choice or decision; choose; select

*The university discontinued its student plan because not enough students would **opt** for it.*

optical

a. of or relating to or involving light or optics

*His doctor checked the **optical** axis of the eye very carefully.*

optimum

a. most favorable or advantageous

*Wind and solar are intermittent power sources - only producing electricity under certain **optimum** environmental conditions.*

orchard

n. garden; area of land devoted to the cultivation of fruit or nut trees

*Before I left my bed in the morning, little Adele came running in to tell me that the great horse-chestnut at **orchard** had been struck by lightning in the night.*

ore

n. mineral that contains metal that is valuable enough to be mined

*The supply of this **ore** is apparently inexhaustible, but no veins have as yet been found.*

orient

v. focus toward; determine position with reference to another point; locate to face the east

*Philip spent his first day in Denver to **orient** the telescope toward the moon.*

oriental

a. of or relating to the countries of the orient or their peoples or cultures; eastern

*If he is interested in **oriental** languages, the new Institute of Languages will enable him to acquire knowledge of Singhalese or Bantu.*

orientate

v. place or turn toward the east; cause to assume an easterly direction, or to veer eastward

*In the thick fog, only sounds helped him **orientate** himself.*

originate

v. initiate; invent; bring into being; create

*The Japanese yen would face the uncertainty that would **originate** from the Greek uncertainty*

orthodox

a. traditional; conservative in belief; adhering to established faith, especially in religion

*Every member of a church promises to remain **orthodox**, that is to say -- stationary.*

List 21

oscillate

v. swing back and forth with a steady, uninterrupted rhythm; vibrate pendulum like; waver

*It is interesting to note how public opinions **oscillate** between the extremes of optimism and pessimism.*

ostensible

a. put forth or held out as real, actual, or intended; proper or intended to be shown

*Although the **ostensible** purpose of this expedition is to discover new lands, we are really interested in finding new markets for our products.*

ostentation

n. making ambitious display; unnecessary show; pretentious parade

*As for the painters who commanded these extraordinary prices, they rivaled each other in **ostentation** and vanity.*

oust

v. expel; eject from a position or place; force out

*The world wondered if Aquino would be able to **oust** Marcos from office.*

outcry

n. strong protest or objection; loud cry or clamor

*Improvements to our education system will require relentless and vocal **outcry** from the parents whose children suffer most from the current schools.*

outdated

a. old; old-fashioned; antiquated; out of date

*This mess in England reminds me of a similar **outdated** law still on the books in Ontario.*

outdo

v. go beyond in performance; excel; surpass.

*I think you continually **outdo** yourself in finding new and inventive means of providing filler.*

outlying

a. relatively distant or remote from a center or middle

*And why should the rest of us subsidize folks who live in **outlying** areas to commute?*

output

n. act or process of producing; production; amount produced during a certain time

*Oman's oil **output** is not as high as some of its neighbors.*

outset

n. beginning; start; origin; time at which something is supposed to begin

*At the **outset** of the November 16 meeting, I will provide some comment on.*

outskirt

n. part or region remote from a central district, as of a city or town; fringe; outer border

Besides it a handicrafts and local fruit process exhibition show also arranged in **outskirt** of cattle show.

outspoken

a. given to expressing yourself freely or insistently

*The candidate was too **outspoken** to be a successful politician; he had not yet learned to weigh his words carefully.*

outstrip

v. exceed or surpass; leave behind

*Jesse Owens easily will **outstrip** his white competitors to win the gold medal at the Olympic Games.*

outweigh

v. go beyond; surpass; exceed

*The benefits of antidepressant medications likely **outweigh** their risks to children with major depression and anxiety disorders.*

ovation

n. enthusiastic, prolonged applause; show of public homage or welcome

*When the popular tenor Placido Domingo came on stage, he was greeted by a tremendous **ovation**.*

overflow

v. flow over; cover with, or as with, water or other fluid; spread over; flow over the brim of

*Rochester's eyes that they **overflow** like two cups filled above the brim: have you never remarked that?*

overhaul

v. examine or go over carefully for needed repairs; make extensive renovations or revisions on; renovate

*He proposals to **overhaul** the health care system.*

overlap

n. representation of common ground between two things; extend over and cover a part of

*He warned of the potential for gap, **overlap** and duplication.*

overt

a. open to view; not secret or hidden

*According to the United States Constitution, a person must commit an **overt** act before he may be tried for treason.*

overtake

v. come up with in a course, pursuit, progress, or motion; catch up with; come upon from behind; capture; overcome

*The driver behind me tried to **overtake** on the inside.*

overthrow

v. throw over; overturn; upset; turn upside down; cause to fall or to fail

*He revealed their conspiracy to **overthrow** the government.*

overture

n. an opening or aperture; recess; introductory section or part, as of a poem

*This **overture** has the potential to call out the real spirit of the so-called Tea Party.*

overwhelm

v. defeat; cover completely or make imperceptible; overcome by superior force ; charge someone with too many tasks

*Still, he was sufficiently touched by his aunt's grief too long to rush out from under the bed and **overwhelm** her with joy--and the theatrical gorgeousness of the thing appealed strongly to his nature, too, but he resisted and lay still.*

overwrought

a. extremely disturbed from emotion

*When Kate heard the news of the sudden tragedy, she became too **overwrought** to work and had to leave the office early.*

oxide

n. any compound of oxygen with another element; a binary chemical compound of oxygen

*Using black **oxide** is tricky that way; if you use too much, it will create black bubbles in the tub.*

pacify

v. ease anger or agitation of; make calm or quiet; end war or violence

*Dentists criticize the practice of giving fussy children sweets to **pacify** them.*

painstaking

a. extremely careful and diligent work or effort; taking of pains

*The truth is, I didn't want to have to call any parents, so by outlining everything in **painstaking** detail in my newsletters, I could avoid it.*

palatable

a. acceptable; sufficiently agreeable in flavor to be eaten

*Neither Jack's under-baked opinions nor his overcooked casseroles were **palatable** to Jill.*

palpitate

v. beat rapidly; shake with fast, tremulous movements

*As he became excited, his heart began to **palpitate** more and more erratically.*

pamper

v. feed to the full; feed luxuriously; glut; indulge with rich food

*As far as I've seen, they don't overly **pamper** the girls even though obviously they are privileged.*

panorama

v. complete view in every direction.

*The 360 degree **panorama** from the top of Mt Everest is just awesome to look at.*

pant

v. breathe quickly or in a labored manner; respire with heaving of the breast; sigh

*We began to **pant** before we reached the top of hill.*

paradigm

n. one that serves as a pattern or model; system of assumptions, concepts, and practices that constitutes a way of viewing reality

*Pavlov's experiment in which he trains a dog to salivate on hearing a bell is a **paradigm** of the conditioned-response experiment in behavioral*

psychology.

paradox

n. something apparently contradictory in nature; statement that looks false but is actually correct

*Richard presents a bit of a **paradox**, for he is a card-carrying member of both the National Rifle Association and the relatively pacifist American Civil Liberties Union.*

paralyse

v. make unable to move or act; impair the progress or functioning of

*Again the poor man groaned; he looked as if he dared not move; fear, either of death or of something else, appeared almost to **paralyse** him.*

parameter

n. characteristic or feature that distinguishes something from others

*Security's critical **parameter** is the ratio of workers to retirees.*

paramount

a. foremost in importance; supreme in rank

*Prime Minister Gordon Brown said the impact of the volcano ash cloud temporarily lessened, but stressed that passenger safety would remain **paramount**.*

paraphernalia

n. personal ornaments or accessories, as of attire; articles used in particular activity

*His desk was cluttered with paper, pen, ink, dictionary and other **paraphernalia** of the writing craft.*

paraphrase

v. restate text in one's own words, especially to clarify thought of others

*In 250 words or less, **paraphrase** this article.*

parody

n. work or performance that imitates another work or performance with ridicule or irony; make fun of

*The show *Forbidden Broadway* presents a **parody** spoofing the year's new productions playing on Broadway.*

List 22

partisan

a. one-sided; prejudiced; committed to a party

*On certain issues of principle, she refused to take a **partisan** stand, but let her conscience be her guide.*

partition

v. divide into parts, pieces, or sections

*Before their second daughter was born, they decided each child needed a room, and so they planned to **partition** a large bedroom into two small separate rooms.*

pastime

n. something which amuses, and serves to make time pass agreeably; sport; amusement

*"Rochester was so willing to receive and looked so grateful for the **pastime** given him; you have noticed this?" "Grateful! I cannot remember detecting gratitude in his face."*

pathos

n. tender sorrow; pity; quality in art or literature that produces these feelings

*The quiet tone of **pathos** that ran through the novel never degenerated into the maudlin or the overly sentimental.*

patriotism

n. love of country; devotion to welfare of one's country; virtues and actions of patriot

*Among the potent factors in developing and enriching our **patriotism** is*

the constant singing of our national anthem.

pave

v. coat; cover

*He's called for an end to the campaign of violence in order to **pave** the way for a resumption of the peace process, but the militants have rejected his strategy.*

pedestrian

a. lacking wit or imagination; ordinary

*Unintentionally boring, he wrote page after page of **pedestrian** prose.*

pendulum

n. a body suspended from fixed point as to swing freely to and fro by the alternate action of gravity and momentum

*There was a clock on the middle of the mantelpiece, with a picture of a town painted on the bottom half of the glass front, and a round place in the middle of it for the sun, and you could see the **pendulum** swinging behind it.*

perceptible

a. capable of being perceived; cognizable; discernible; perceivable

*By and by, out of the stillness, little, scarcely **perceptible** noises began to emphasize themselves.*

percussion

a. striking one object against another sharply

*The drum is a **percussion** instrument.*

perennial

n. lasting indefinitely long time; suggesting self-renewal; remaining active throughout all the time

*These plants are hardy **perennial** and will bloom for many years.*

periodical

n. publication that appears at fixed intervals

*Total operating revenues in the **periodical** publishing industry increased in 2005 from the previous year.*

periodically

ad. in a regular periodic manner; intermittently

*Check in **periodically** to see if Utah is keeping it close, but you might want to have a backup activity if it gets out of hand.*

periphery

n. edge, especially of a round surface; surface of a solid; circumference

*He sensed that there was something just beyond the **periphery** of his vision.*

periscope

n. optical instruments that contain reflecting elements, such as mirrors and prisms; general or comprehensive view

*The **periscope** is turned on and you are able to view the outside by clicking on the lense.*

perishable

a. liable to perish; subject to destruction or death or decay

*Travel tickets are like **perishable** goods: If a company doesn't sell seats, then they lose them.*

permeate

v. spread or flow throughout; pervade

*The odor of frying onions **permeate** the air.*

permissible

a. proper to be permitted; allowable; admissible.

*Many people think that the former is **permissible** but the latter is not.*

perpendicular

a. vertical; upright; intersecting at or forming right angles; extremely steep

*The axes are **perpendicular** to each other.*

perplex

v. baffle; confuse

*You puzzle me, Jane: your look and tone of sorrowful audacity **perplex** and pain me.*

perplexity

n. quality or state of being perplexed or puzzled; complication; intricacy; entanglement; embarrassment

*He sprang to his feet and shouted -- "I done it!" The school stared in **perplexity** at this incredible folly.*

persecute

v. pursue in a manner to injure, grieve, or afflict; beset with cruelty or malignity; harass; annoy

*They **persecute** us with various delicate questions this morning.*

persevere

v. endure; be persistent, refuse to stop

*The will to **persevere** is often the difference between failure and success.*

persist

v. continue; insist; persevere

*Why, when studies show that cell phone use, and especially texting, while driving impairs drivers more than drinking, do so many people **persist** in combining these lethal behaviors?*

perspire

v. sweat; excrete perspiration through the pores in the skin

*We **perspire** to keep the temperature of our internal thermostat set to an average, normal temperature of 98.6 degrees Fahrenheit.*

pertain

v. belong; have connection with, or dependence on

*Learning the specific set of vocabulary words that **pertain** to one's business becomes a simple task.*

perturb

v. disturb greatly; make uneasy or anxious; throw into great confusion

*The thought that electricity might be leaking out of the empty light bulb sockets might **perturb** my aunt.*

pervade

v. pass or flow through, as an aperture; permeate; pass or spread

through the whole extent of

*These challenges are global in nature, and **pervade** all aspects of society.*

pessimism

n. belief that life is basically bad or evil; gloominess

*Considering how well you have done in the course so far, you have no real reason for such **pessimism** about your final grade.*

pester

v. trouble; disturb; annoy; harass with petty vexations

*I am so sorry to **pester** you but this is a project for orphans.*

pesticide

n. a chemical used to kill pests

*The most significant advantages of genetically modified crops for the developing world are that farmers would have higher yields: they would be able to produce food using fewer inputs: less **pesticide**, less fertilizer.*

petal

n. one of the often brightly colored parts of flower, immediately surrounding reproductive organs

*Each large outer **petal** is curved and cup-shaped, yet each has its finishing point which makes the blossom starry.*

phobia

n. anxiety disorder by extreme and irrational fear; dislike

*And a **phobia** is an uncontrollable response to fear, so I looked for another way to expose millions of people.*

phonetic

a. of or pertaining to the voice; relating to sounds of spoken language

*In languages that have great **phonetic** differences, like Chinese and Japanese, they are often unrecognizable.*

physiological

a. pertaining to science of the function of living organisms

*To understand this disease fully, we must examine not only its **physiological** aspects but also its psychological elements.*

physique

n. natural constitution, or physical structure, of a person

*Always show a thin waistline with wide hips, which give her sex appeal and also make her **physique** powerful.*

picturesque

a. scenic; striking or interesting in an unusual way

*The town is just a couple of miles from where Urquhart Castle stands in **picturesque** ruins beside the loch.*

piecemeal

ad. by a small amount at a time; in stages; gradually

*Tolstoy's War and Peace is too huge to finish in one sitting; I'll have to read it **piecemeal**.*

piety

n. religious devotion and reverence to God; devout act, thought, or statement; godliness

*The nuns in the convent were noted for their **piety**; they spent their days in worship and prayer.*

pigment

n. substance used as coloring; dry coloring matter

Van Gogh mixed more than one pigment with linseed oil to create his paints.

List 23

pinnacle

n. peak; tall pointed formation, such as mountain peak

*We could see the morning sunlight illuminate the **pinnacle** while the rest of the mountain lay in shadow.*

piracy

n. crime of pirate; robbery committed at sea; unauthorized use or reproduction of copyrighted or patented material

*Decreasing **piracy** is simple, give the users the best product possible at a good price and people will pay.*

piston

n. sliding piece which either is moved by, or moves against; mechanical device that has a plunging or thrusting motion

*The **piston** is the only movable part, the force of the steam is directed to that part, and the motion is then transmitted to the crank, and to the shaft of the engine.*

pivot

n. axis; focus; center

*Throw stiff-armed from the shoulder, like there was a **pivot** there for it to turn on, like a girl; not from the wrist and elbow, with your arm out to one side, like a boy.*

placard

n. sign or notice for display in a public place; small card or plaque, such as nameplate on a door

*My **placard** is a piece of cardboard rescued from the bin in my sister's*

house.

placid

a. peaceful; tranquil; calm or quiet

*After his vacation in this **placid** section, he felt soothed and rested.*

plagiarize

v. steal another's ideas and pass them off as one's own

*The teacher could recognize what the students **plagiarize** from others in their essays.*

plaintive

a. expressing sorrow ;mournful or melancholy; sad

*The dove has a **plaintive** and melancholy call.*

plank

n. board; lumber

*By and by she comes along, and she drifted in so close that they could a run out a **plank** and walked ashore.*

plankton

n. all the animals and plants, which live at or near surface of waters; collection of small or microscopic organisms

*By killing the sharks we are in turn killing **plankton** and destroying out atmosphere.*

plateau

n. highland; upland; relatively flat highland

*In geology and earth science, a **plateau** is an area of highland, usually consisting of relatively flat terrain.*

platitude

n. dullness; insipidity of thought; commonplace statement; lack of originality

*In giving advice to his son, old Polonius expressed himself only in same **platitude**; every word out of his mouth was a commonplace.*

pliable

a. flexible; yielding; easily bent or shaped

*In remodeling the bathroom, we have replaced all the old, rigid lead pipes with new, **pliable** copper tubing.*

plough

v. break and turn over earth especially with a plow; move with force

*It is such a beautiful day; we saw some ships **plough** across the ocean under warm sun shine.*

plumb

a. checking perpendicularity; exactly vertical

*Before hanging wallpaper it is advisable to drop a **plumb** line from the ceiling as a guide.*

plummet

v. fall straight down; plunge; decline suddenly and steeply

*Stock prices **plummet** as Wall Street reacts to the crisis in the economy.*

plunder

v. take goods of by force, or without right; spoil; sack; strip; rob

*In the name of class, creed and religion we **plunder** one another with the most powerful weapons available.*

poise

v. be balanced or held in suspension; hover; carry or hold in equilibrium; balance

*When I saw him lift and **poise** the book and stand in act to hurl it, I instinctively started aside with a cry of alarm.*

politic

a. expedient; artful, crafty or cunning; using, displaying, or proceeding from policy

*Even though he was disappointed by the size of the bonus he was offered, he did not think it **politic** to refuse it.*

pollinate

v. fertilize by transferring pollen

*Although honeybees are effective to fertilize under high temperature in California, they do not effectively **pollinate** alfalfa in western Canada.*

ponderous

a. slow and laborious because of weight; labored and dull

*His humor lacked the light touch; his jokes were always **ponderous**.*

pore

v. gaze intently; stare; scrutinize; read or study carefully and attentively

*Determined to become a physician, Beth spent hours to **pore** over her anatomy text.*

porous

a. full of pores; able to absorb fluids; full of tiny pores that allow fluids or gasses to pass through

*Dancers like to wear **porous** clothing because it allows the ready passage of water and air.*

portray

v. depict; describe; draw

*Domestically Mr. Brown is likely to **portray** his style as both more frugal and more transparent than before.*

postage

n. token that postal fee has been paid; charge for mailing something

*For the first time this year, valid Canada Post **postage** stamps will be available for sale at the village office.*

posterity

n. descendants collectively; the race that proceeds from a progenitor; future generations

*After all, what we term **posterity** is but a drop of water in the ocean of Time.*

postgraduate

n. student who continues studies after graduation

*Humber's **postgraduate** programs are offered in an accelerated, intensive format, ordinarily two semesters long.*

posthumous

a. after death, as of child born after father's death or book

published after author's death

*The critics ignored his works during his lifetime; it was only after the **posthumous** publication of his last novel that they recognized his great talent.*

postmortem

a. occurring or done after death; relating to a medical examination of a dead body

*A **postmortem** exam revealed large amounts of soil in her lungs and stomach, indicating that she had been alive and conscious while being buried.*

postscript

n. paragraph added to letter after it is concluded and signed by the writer

*He added a brief **postscript** to his speech, giving the latest figures.*

poultry

n. domestic fowls reared for eating, or for their eggs or feathers, such as cocks and hens, capons, turkeys, ducks, and geese

*Nothing has happened since the **poultry** was all removed - to the last feather - on Saturday afternoon.*

practicable

a. feasible; capable of being effected, done, or put into practice

*The board of directors decided that the plan was **practicable** and agreed to undertake the project.*

practitioner

n. someone engaged in a profession as law, medicine

*Another very useful application for the legal **practitioner** is Google Docs,*

a Web-based word processing system.

pragmatic

a. practical as opposed to idealistic; concerned with the practical worth or impact of something

*AIDS advocates are now wondering whether **pragmatic** is just a euphemism for cheap.*

precarious

a. uncertain; risky; dangerously lacking in security or stability

*But that is why NASA used test pilots, men used to handling life and death decisions in **precarious** situations and instantly making the right choice.*

precede

v. come before; antecede

*Most English adjectives **precede** the noun they modify.*

preceding

a. ahead; prior to

*It displays the relationship between the target item and the **preceding** entry.*

precipice

n. cliff; overhanging or extremely steep mass of rock; dangerous position

*Suddenly Indiana Jones found himself dangling from the edge of a **precipice**.*

precipitate

a. rash; moving rapidly and heedlessly; speeding headlong;
occurring suddenly

*Though I was angry enough to resign on the spot, I had enough sense to keep myself from quitting a job in such a **precipitate** fashion.*

predecessor

n. former occupant of post; ancestor or forefather

*I hope I can live up to the fine example set by my late **predecessor** in this office.*

List 24

predisposition

n. state of being predisposed; tendency or inclination

*The players come to your game with a certain **predisposition**, it's nice to respect that.*

predominant

a. most frequent or common; having superior power and influence

*The **predominant** mood among policy-makers is optimism.*

preface

n. something spoken as introductory to a discourse, or written as introductory to a book or essay

*The **preface** of this diary recounted her life in brief.*

prelude

n. introduction; forerunner; preliminary or preface

*I am afraid that this border raid is the **prelude** to more serious attacks.*

premise

n. proposition upon which an argument is based; assumption; land and the buildings on it

*Our main **premise** is to get in and get out as quickly as possible, while performing a level of quality work equal to or greater than anything seen before.*

presumption

n. act of presuming, or believing upon probable evidence; act of assuming; belief upon incomplete proof

*And the poor old stick used to cry out 'Oh you villains childs!' -- and then we sermonized her on the **presumption** of attempting to teach such clever blades as we were, when she was herself so ignorant.*

pretext

n. excuse; something serving to conceal plans; fictitious reason

*He looked for a good **pretext** to get out of paying a visit to his aunt.*

prevalent

a. widespread; widely or commonly occurring, existing, accepted

*A radical committed to social change, Reed had no patience with the conservative views **prevalent** in the America of his day.*

proclaim

v. declare; announce

*But one year on, the company did **proclaim** it a success.*

procure

v. bring into possession; cause to accrue to, or to come into possession of; cause to come

*Can you **procure** the rare old book for me?*

prodigious

a. impressively great in size, force, or extent; enormous

*Watching the weight lifter heave the barbell to shoulder height and then boost it overhead, we marveled at his **prodigious** strength.*

productivity

n. quality or state of being productive; productiveness.

*I believe the UK had experienced phenomenal increases in **productivity** before 1890.*

profane

v. violate; put to improper, unworthy, or degrading use; abuse

*The members of the mysterious Far Eastern cult sought to kill the British explorer because they saw him **profane** the sanctity of their holy goblet by using it as an ashtray. .*

proficiency

n. skillfulness in command of fundamentals deriving from practice and familiarity; expertise

*Practice greatly improves **proficiency**.*

profuse

a. in great quantity or abundance; bountiful; exceedingly liberal

*Help mom handle the **profuse** bleeding from her sweet little toddler's head.*

prohibit

v. ban; taboo; forbid

*The U.S. Supreme Court has never ruled that public schools must **prohibit** the distribution of candy canes or Christmas cards.*

prolific

a. producing offspring or fruit in great abundance; fertile

*My editors must assume I'm a **prolific** writer: they expect me to revise six books this year!.*

prologue

n. introduction, usually to a poem or play

*In the **prologue** to *Romeo and Juliet*, Shakespeare introduces the audience to the feud between the Montagues and the Capulets.*

prolong

v. make longer; draw out; lengthen

*In their determination to discover ways to **prolong** human life, doctors fail to take into account that longer lives are not always happier ones.*

propagate

v. cause something to multiply or breed; cause to extend to broader area or larger number

*Since bacteria **propagate** more quickly in unsanitary environments, it is important to keep hospital rooms clean.*

propel

v. drive forward; cause to move forward or onward; push

*They hope to show that solar sails could replace traditional rockets and **propel** spacecraft to the stars.*

propriety

n. fitness; correct conduct; quality of being proper; appropriateness

*Miss Manners counsels her readers so that they may behave with due **propriety** in any social situation and not embarrass themselves.*

propulsion

n. push; driving force; act of propelling

*Spacecraft **propulsion** is any method used to change the velocity of spacecraft and artificial satellites.*

prospective

a. being within view or consideration, as a future event or contingency; relating to the future: expected

*Under the double pressure of curiosity and **prospective** gain he did it with such spirit that he accomplished a shining success.*

prospectus

n. summary, plan, or scheme of something proposed, affording a prospect of its nature

*It may not be perjury, but selling stock to private investors with a **prospectus** like that is fraud.*

protract

v. prolong; draw out or lengthen in time

*Seeking to delay the union members' vote, the management team tried to **protract** the negotiations endlessly.*

protrude

v. extend out or project in space; stick out

*His fingers **protrude** from the holes in his gloves.*

provision

n. stipulated condition; act of supplying or fitting out; something provided

*For young people entering the workforce in a bad economy, this **provision** is a critical safety net.*

provisional

a. temporary; provided for present need only
*Polanski is in **provisional** detention in Switzerland.*

pseudonym

n. pen name; fictitious name used when someone performs a particular social role
*Samuel Clemens' **pseudonym** was Mark Twain.*

punctual

a. consisting in a point; limited to a point; unexpended; precise
*My cat makes a **punctual** appearance at mealtimes.*

pungent

a. stinging; sharp in taste or smell; caustic
*I'm bracing myself to be met by heat, humidity and what Kerry describes as a **pungent** odor.*

purge

v. remove or get rid of something unwanted; free from blame or guilt; cleanse or purify
*So it shouldn't be a surprise that county voter registrars received a list of 29,000 alleged felons to **purge** from the rolls.*

qualification

n. an attribute that must be met
*On top of it all, it appears that Serbia and Montenegro's withdrawal will allow their old enemy, Croatia, to skip **qualification** and go straight to the final.*

qualitative

a. relating to quality; having the character of quality

*Moody's makes five-year medium-term **qualitative** assessments for each country.*

quarterly

ad. every three months; in three month intervals

*As many banks, its interest is compounded **quarterly**.*

quench

v. put out a fire; extinguish; put an end to; destroy

*No matter how much water the hiker drank, she could not **quench** her thirst.*

questionnaire

n. form containing a set of questions; submitted to people to gain statistical information

*I've designed this **questionnaire** to help you communicate your needs to your spouse and help your spouse communicate his needs to you.*

quiver

v. shake with slight, rapid, tremulous movement

*The bird dog's nose twitches and his whiskers **quiver** as he strain eagerly against the leash.*

radiate

v. spread out; effuse; issue or emerge in rays or waves

*You can feel heat is going to **radiate** from the metal box.*

List 25

ramble

v. wander aimlessly; move about aimlessly; walk about casually or for pleasure

*As always, his inner need to **ramble** is overridden by the need to work.*

rampant

a. unrestrained and violent; occurring without restraint

*The reporter exposed details about **rampant** corruption in city government.*

ravage

v. bring heavy destruction on; devastate

*They would love to **ravage** the land and feed the corporations the spoils until there is nothing left.*

readily

ad. easily; quickly; in a prompt, timely manner; promptly

*The European Commission **readily** admits international co-operation is vital.*

recede

v. move back; retreat; withdraw a claim or pretension

*His hair is beginning to **recede** from his forehead.*

recession

n. withdrawal; retreat; time of low economic activity

*The slow **recession** of the flood waters created problems for the crews*

working to restore power to the area.

reciprocal

a. concerning each of two or more persons or things; exchangeable; interacting

*The two nations signed a **reciprocal** trade agreement.*

recline

v. cause or permit to lean, incline, rest; place in a recumbent position

*Boys **recline** lazily on the cushions; they have no any sleep in 24 hours.*

rectangle

n. a parallelogram with four right angles

*Stores a set of four integers that represent the location and size of a **rectangle**.*

recycle

v. reprocess; use again after processing

*We should **recycle** the cardboard boxes.*

refine

v. purify; make more precise; improve

*They **refine** many valuable nutrients out of the foods in our modern diet.*

refreshment

n. activity that refreshes and recreates; snacks and drinks served as a light meal

*With that **refreshment** I could perhaps regain a degree of energy: without*

it, it would be difficult to proceed.

refugee

n. one who flees to shelter, or place of safety

*The government has set two **refugee** camps near the earthquake town.*

regeneration

n. renewal; growth of lost or destroyed parts or organs

*I personally prefer burning an area, because the **regeneration** is more sufficient.*

registrar

n. one who registers; a recorder; a keeper of records

*If they do marry there, a civic **registrar** will be present to provide the certificate.*

regulate

v. bring into conformity with rules or principles or usage; impose regulations; fix or adjust the time, amount, degree, or rate of

*In contrast to Europe, the United States is considering a variety of laws which would **regulate** spam but essentially allow it unless an individual specifically opts out.*

rehabilitate

v. restore to proper condition; help to re-adapt, as to former state of health or good repute

*We must **rehabilitate** those whom we send to prison.*

reimburse

v. pay back for some expense incurred

*You must make the payments directly to the providers of those services, you can't just **reimburse** the people who you are benefiting.*

reinforce

v. give more force or effectiveness to; strengthen; enhance

*The laws will **reinforce** authority to turn boats away from Australia and impose prison sentences on the crews of boats which do cross the border.*

rejoice

v. feel joy; experience gladness in a high degree; have pleasurable satisfaction; be delighted; enjoy

*I always **rejoice** in my comrades' achievements.*

relinquish

v. give up something with reluctance; retire from; give up or abandon

*On the other hand, he knew that the Countess Astaride, having gone so far, would never again **relinquish** her ambitions.*

reluctance

n. state of being reluctant; unwillingness; hesitancy in taking some action

*The main reason for this **reluctance** is the threat of litigation for defamation.*

remittance

n. transmitting money, bills, especially to a distant place, as in satisfaction of a demand, or in discharge of an obligation

Migration to the USA and dependence on **remittance** is becoming a way of life for more and more Mexicans in the central and southern parts of the country.

remnant

n. remainder; small part or portion that remains after the main part no longer exists

*I suggest that you wait until the store places the **remnant** of that big fish on sale.*

renovation

n. improving by renewing and restoring; state of being restored to its former good condition; renewal

*After a long **renovation**, you look much better.*

repatriate

v. restore or return to the country of birth, citizenship, or origin

*In response the administration must release the detainees, **repatriate** them at Guantanamo or try them in a legal manner.*

repel

v. force or drive back; disgust; offer resistance to; fight against

*Poles of the same name **repel** each other; poles of unlike name attract each other.*

repent

v. cause to feel remorse or regret; feel regret or self-reproach for

*He stood about, restless and uneasy, for a while, glancing at the door, every now and then, hoping she would **repent** and come to find him.*

repertoire

n. list of works of music or drama; class of compositions in a genre; range or number of skills

*In fact, most of their concert **repertoire** is by living composers.*

repetition

n. act of doing or performing again

*Suddenly there was a flash of light and Tom came tearing by him: "Run!" said he; "run, for your life!" He needn't have repeated it; once was enough; Huck was making thirty or forty miles an hour before the **repetition** was uttered.*

reproach

v. express disapproval or disappointment; bring shame upon; disgrace

*He never did anything wrong without imagining how the look on his mother's face would **reproach** him afterwards.*

reservoir

n. tank used for collecting and storing a liquid; holding pond; lake used to store water for community use

*That **reservoir** of frost and snow, where firm fields of ice, the accumulation of centuries of winters, glazed in Alpine heights above heights.*

reside

v. dwell; live in a place permanently or for an extended period

*We **reside** officially in Iceland.*

resilience

n. ability to recover quickly from illness, change, or misfortune;

buoyancy

*Ultimately, the best way to get internet **resilience** is link redundancy.*

resonant

a. echoing; strong and deep in tone; resounding; having lasting presence or effect

*The deep, **resonant** voice of the actor James Earl Jones makes him particularly effective when he appears on stage.*

respiration

n. breathing; process of inhaling and exhaling; oxidative process occurring within living cells

*In the severe form of the disease, the **respiration** is arrested, while in the milder attacks, the breathing is difficult, slow, deep, and snoring.*

responsive

a. reactive; readily reacting to people or events; showing emotion

*Children are often the quickest and most **responsive** members of the audience.*

restrict

v. keep or confine within limits

*This will give recommendation on the best way to advance, but not **restrict** thing.*

reticent

a. inclined to keep silent; reserved; uncommunicative.

*It commanded its followers to be **reticent** to never degrade intimate emotions by parading them in public.*

retort

n. reply, especially to answer in a quick, caustic, or witty manner

*Even when it was advisable for her to keep her mouth shut, she was always ready with a quick **retort**.*

List 26

retrospect

n. review; look back upon; remember

*I had a detailed **retrospect** of my association with the two girls.*

reverent

a. respectful; worshipful; impressed with veneration or deep respect

*Though I bow my head in church and recite the prayers, sometimes I don't feel properly **reverent**.*

revise

v. amend; change

*Later, he would **revise** his position and said the reason why he couldn't meet the delegates was to do with security concerns.*

revolt

v. organize opposition to authority; make revolution

*The people will **revolt** when bread prices triple again.*

rhetoric

n. art or study of using language effectively and persuasively; insincere language

*If his **rhetoric** is any indication, the president appears to be headed in the right direction.*

rigorous

a. full of rigors; harsh; rigidly accurate; precise

*Disliked by his superiors, the officer candidate endured an extremely **rigorous** training program.*

ripple

n. wavelike motion; undulation; sound like that of water running over a stony bottom

*It's part of a long-term **ripple** effect caused by the decline in auto manufacturing jobs.*

rivet

n. metallic pin with a head, used for uniting two plates or pieces of material together

*Can I fasten these metal plates with **rivet**?*

robust

a. vigorous; full of health and strength; vigorous

*Those levels are expected to remain **robust** this year, said the ratings firm, but be somewhat below 2008.*

rotate

v. plant or grow in a fixed cyclic order of succession; swirl; revolve; turn on or around an axis or a center

*We **rotate** the crops so as to maximize the use of the soil.*

rouse

v. become active; excite, as to anger or action; stir up; awaken

*The dogs **rouse** a deer from the bushes; quickly the deer becomes the target of hunters.*

ruffle

v. make into a ruff; wrinkle; disturb surface of; make uneven by agitation or commotion; throw into disorder or confusion

*The flags **ruffle** in the breeze; you can recognize them although not very easily.*

ruinous

a. causing, or tending to cause ruin; destructive; baneful; pernicious

*They saw a weed-grown, floorless room, an ancient fireplace, vacant windows, and a **ruinous** staircase.*

rupture

n. act of making a sudden noisy break

*A steam **rupture** occurs within a nuclear power plant when the temperature of the nuclear reactor reaches a certain level too quickly.*

rural

a. country; relating to rural areas

*In the last thirty years, more than a thousand **rural** workers and activists have been killed in land disputes in Brazil, seven hundred and seventy-two of those in Para.*

safeguard

n. one who, or that which, defends or protects; defense; protection

*We make copies of our computer disks as a **safeguard** against accidents.*

sanction

v. give authorization or approval to something; penalize a state,

especially for violating international law

*Nothing will convince me to **sanction** the engagement of my daughter to such a worthless young man.*

saturate

v. soak, fill, or load to capacity; cause to unite with the greatest possible amount of another substance

Saturate your sponge with water until it can't hold any more.

scant

a. scarcely sufficient; less than is wanted for the purpose; not enough

*The movers gave me a **scant** hour's notice of their arrival.*

scapegoat

n. someone who bears the blame for others

*The ploy of finding a **scapegoat** is as old as mankind itself - when things become too difficult at home, divert attention to adventure abroad.*

scarcely

ad. hardly; barely; only just

*It may be **scarcely** noticed amidst the flurry of war in Iraq, but this is something of a turning point for European defense.*

scold

v. find fault or rail with rude clamor; utter harsh, rude, boisterous rebuke

*Don't **scold** him too much; he is a child anyway.*

scorch

v. burn superficially; parch, or shrivel, the surface of, by heat; affect painfully with heat; burn

*The meat will **scorch** if you don't lower the gas.*

scorn

n. extreme and lofty contempt; haughty disregard; expression of mockery, derision, contempt, or disdain

*Of course this time the object of their **scorn** is a representative of the real America that Democrats pretend to represent.*

scrupulous

a. exactly and carefully conducted; by extreme care and great effort; cautious

*Though Alfred is **scrupulous** in fulfilling his duties at work, he is less conscientious about his obligations to his family and friends.*

seam

n. line of junction formed by sewing together two pieces; line across a surface, as a crack; scar

*Place the roll in the prepared loaf pan, making sure the **seam** is on the bottom.*

seclude

v. isolate; separate; keep away from others

*Seven mental health nurses and one doctor were each interviewed within 48 hours of making the decision to **seclude** a patient.*

sectional

a. consisting of or divided into sections; separating into sections

*You can arrange this **sectional** sofa as you need.*

secular

a. worldly rather than spiritual; not specifically relating to religion; lasting from century to century

*The church leaders decided not to interfere in **secular** matters.*

sediment

n. deposit; matter deposited by some natural process

*Its effects are made worse as the ground is made up of **sediment** rather than hard rock and can in effect swallow buildings much like quicksand.*

seep

v. pass gradually or leak through, as if through small openings

*During the rainstorm, water would **seep** through the crack in the basement wall and damage the floor boards.*

segregate

v. isolate; separate; divide from the main body

*In the Mississippi Delta, attempts were made to **segregate** white and Italian schoolchildren.*

seismic

a. caused by earthquake or earth vibration; earthshaking

*The Richter scale is a measurement of **seismic** disturbances.*

semblance

a. seeming; outward or token appearance; show; figure; form

*Foolish men mistake transitory **semblance** for eternal fact.*

shamble

v. walk in an awkward, lazy, or unsteady manner, shuffling the feet

*As you might expect of 'master race' zombies, these zombies don't **shamble**, they run.*

shanty

n. jaunty; showy

*There was a light burning in a little **shanty** that hadn't been lived in for a long time, and I wondered who had took up quarters there.*

shear

v. cut or clip hair; strip of something; remove by cutting or clipping

*You may not care to cut a sheep's hair, but they **shear** sheep for Little Bo Peep.*

shimmer

v. shine with a weak or fitful light; glimmer intermittently

*This rope is woven with a maximum amount of reflective tracers--which will make it **shimmer** in the night.*

shoal

n. shallow place in a body of water; sandy elevation of the bottom of a body of water, sandbank or sandbar

*The boat struck a **shoal** and fetched up all standing.*

shrewd

a. clever; characterized by keen awareness, sharp intelligence

*As a music executive and a businessman, he's in **shrewd**, wildly successful and not shy about it.*

List 27

shrub

n. bush

*Afar, it offered a pale blank of mist and cloud; near a scene of wet lawn and storm-beat **shrub**, with ceaseless rain sweeping away wildly before a long and lamentable blast.*

shrug

v. draw up or contract the shoulders, especially by way of expressing dislike, dread, doubt, or the like

*I really admire the way she is able to **shrug** off unfair criticism.*

shutter

n. a hinged blind for a window

*The aperture was so screened and narrow, that curtain or **shutter** had been deemed unnecessary; and when I stooped down and put aside the spray of foliage shooting over it, I could see all within.*

sicken

v. make sick; disease; impair; weaken; become sick; fall into disease

*The dog began to **sicken** and soon died.*

sieve

n. device to separate larger objects from smaller objects, or to separate solid objects from a liquid; utensil for separating; coarse basket

*When they are tender, strain the soup into a clean pan through a fine wire **sieve**.*

sightseeing

n. act or pastime of visiting sights of interest

*Good morning, Mr. Smith, **sightseeing** is our agenda today; let's out at 9:30.*

signify

v. denote; mean; indicate

*There, I had a friend's face under my gaze; and what did it **signify** that those young ladies turned their backs on me? I looked at it; I smiled at the speaking likeness: I was absorbed and content.*

simplify

v. make simple; make less complex; make clear by giving the explanation for

*She will **simplify** the instructions so that the children could understand them.*

simulate

v. make a pretence of; reproduce someone's behavior or looks

*He tried to **simulate** insanity in order to avoid punishment for his crime.*

simultaneous

a. existing, happening, or done at the same time

*In 1985, in Hamburg, I played against thirty-two different chess computers at the same time in what is known as a **simultaneous** exhibition.*

singular

a. unique; extraordinary; being only one

*Though the young man tried to understand Father William's **singular***

behavior, he still found it odd that the old man incessantly stood on his head.

situated

a. having a site, situation, or location; being in a relative position; permanently fixed; placed; located

*The school is **situated** just outside the town.*

skeptical

a. marked by or given to doubt; questioning

*I remain **skeptical** of Washington DC's attitude toward the Second Amendment and gun owners.*

slab

n. block consisting of a thick piece of something

*As hundreds of people watched from the river-bank, a crane slowly lowered the final stone **slab** into place, bringing together the two sides of the single arched bridge - an emotional moment for many of those present.*

slag

n. residue by smelting metal ore; dross; waste material from a coal mine; scum that forms on the surface of molten metal

*In English, **slag** is the mostly contaminated waste product of the iron- and steel-making process that would be inimical to agriculture.*

slender

a. having little width in proportion to height or length; long and thin

*She was **slender** as a willow - and equally graceful, equally erect.*

sluggish

a. lazy; with little movement; very slow

*Technological advance is also a major factor in **sluggish** wage growth in the United States.*

slum

n. a district of a city marked by poverty and inferior living conditions

*The insects are found everywhere, from the homes of the wealthiest industrialists to the lowliest **slum** dweller.*

soar

v. fly aloft, as a bird; mount upward on wings; rise in thought, spirits, or imagination

*Set the bird's wings with gold and it will never again **soar** in the sky.*

solidarity

n. union of interests, purposes, or sympathies among members of a group; accord

*In the name of **solidarity**, Europeans are being asked to subsidize irresponsible behavior, in reckless violation of the EU's treaties.*

soluble

a. able to be dissolved; able to be explained

*Sugar is **soluble** in water; put a sugar cube in water and it will quickly dissolve.*

solvent

a. able to pay all debts; capable of meeting financial obligations

*By dint of very frugal living, he was finally able to become **solvent** and avoid bankruptcy proceedings.*

sovereign

a. having supreme rank or power; self governing; excellent; independent

*Belarus, Albania, the Ukraine also have **sovereign** currencies, not using euro, they also have crashed.*

spacious

a. wide; generous or large in area or extent; sizable

*The apartment was **spacious**, in other words, and elegantly decorated, but it wasn't clear anyone actually lived there.*

sparse

a. occurring, growing, or settled at widely spaced intervals; not thick or dense

*No matter how carefully Albert combed his hair to make it look as full as possible, it still looked **sparse**.*

spatial

a. relating to space; existing in or connected with space

*NASA is engaged in an ongoing program of **spatial** exploration.*

speciality

n. a particular or peculiar case; a distinguishing mark or feature

*Like you, I am a consultant, but my area of **speciality** is adoption of competitive strategies based on statistical and scientific thinking.*

specification

n. instruction; description; act of specifying, or making a

detailed statement

*For web developers interested in HTML5, this article looks at support for the **specification** from the view of industry.*

specify

v. detail; designate

*He didn't **specify** what crimes he was referring to, but said if proof was found, the police would ask for charges to be brought.*

sporadic

a. occurring at irregular intervals; having no pattern or order in time

*Although you can still hear **sporadic** outbursts of laughter and singing outside, the big Halloween parade has passed; the party's over till next year.*

sprawl

v. extend; stretch; spread; sit or lie with the body and limbs spread out awkwardly

*When they were well exhausted, they would run out and **sprawl** on the dry, hot sand.*

sprint

v. run very rapidly; run at full speed.

*The guards slipped past on either side to **sprint** across the docks.*

sprout

v. have new growth of a plant such as a new branch or a bud; shoot up

*The plant will **sprout** early this year.*

stagger

v. sway; walk as if unable to control one's movements

*The two drunken men **stagger** into the room.*

stagnant

a. not moving or flowing; lacking vitality or briskness; stale; dull

*Mosquitoes commonly breed in ponds of **stagnant** water.*

staple

n. necessary foods or commodities; basic elements; secure or fasten; a short U-shaped wire nail for securing cables

*For those who have only ground spices, a coffee filter and a **staple** is all it takes to make a little spice bag to steep in the cider.*

starch

n. naturally abundant nutrient carbohydrate, found chiefly in the seeds, fruits

*Sugar and **starch** are broken down in the stomach.*

statesman

n. one occupied with the affairs of government, and influential in shaping policy

*They held a state funeral in honor of the **statesman**.*

stationary

a. fixed; immobile; static; not capable of being moved

*When a warm or cold front stops moving, it becomes a **stationary** front.*

statistic

n. mathematics of the collection, organization, and interpretation of numerical data

*The Census Bureau maintains this site, linking to each state's main **statistic** site.*

List 28

steadfast

a. firmly or constant loyal; fixed or unchanging

*Penelope was **steadfast** in her affections, faithfully waiting for Ulysses to return from his wanderings.*

steamer

n. vessel propelled by steam; steamship or steamboat; road locomotive for use on common roads

*The **steamer** was a well-found craft compared with any others that had navigated the river before.*

sterilize

v. make sterile or unproductive; impoverish, as land; exhaust of fertility.

*Doctors are working round the clock to **sterilize** those who disobeyed the one child policy.*

steward

n. one who manages another's property, finances, or other affairs; attendant on a ship or airplane

*While you're at dinner, your cabin **steward** will prepare your stateroom.*

stimulate

v. encourage; motivate; arouse; spur; excite or invigorate with a stimulant

*Germany in particular could probably do with rather lower interest rates to **stimulate** an economic recovery.*

stimulus

n. helps something to happen more quickly

*In particular the economists say that the proposed abolition of taxes is not credible as a short term **stimulus**.*

stipulate

v. specify or arrange in agreement; express demand in agreement; promise in agreement

*Before agreeing to reduce American military forces in Europe, the president would **stipulate** that NATO inspection teams be allowed to inspect Soviet bases.*

storey

n. story; floor or level of a building or ship

*Collectors Treasury is housed in an eight **storey** building in downtown Johannesburg South Africa.*

strait

a. difficult; stressful; narrow; not broad; tight; close; closely fitting

*Egypt is a long country, but it is **strait**, that is to say narrow, for they may not enlarge it toward the desert, for default of water.*

strengthen

v. reinforce; fortify; make strong or increase the strength of

*These long-term projects **strengthen** Afghan women and children's rights to good health care.*

strenuous

a. arduous; intense; performed with much energy or force;

*These are the men who fear the **strenuous** life, who fear the only national life which is really worth leading.*

strive

v. endeavor; struggle or fight forcefully; exert much effort or energy

*We must again **strive** to offer praise to God with the most beautiful churches.*

structural

a. of structure; affecting structure; constructional

*Do not attempt to do this yourself unless you have a background in **structural** analysis and are familiar with the local building codes.*

stuntman

n. man who substitutes for a performer in scenes requiring physical daring or involving physical risk

*Not only are you showing your naivete regarding moviemaking, but you are seriously insulting the brave **stuntman** who actually performed the feat.*

subdue

v. quiet or bring under control by physical force or persuasion; make less intense; tone down

*Cops shouldn't use it to **subdue** people who are not carrying weapons and present no threat.*

subjective

a. occurring or taking place in person's mind rather than external world; unreal

*Your analysis is highly **subjective**; you have permitted your emotions and*

your opinions to color your thinking.

submerge

v. sink; immerse; put under water

*At 17.5 feet, waters begin to **submerge** Harriet Island Park across the river from downtown.*

subordinate

a. occupying lower rank; inferior; submissive

*Bishop Proudie's wife expected all the **subordinate** clergy to behave with great deference to the wife of their superior.*

subscribe

v. write underneath, as one's name; sign to a document; give consent to; promise to give, by writing one's name with the amount

*We **subscribe** to an animal protection society.*

subsequent

a. following in time or order; succeeding; later

*In **subsequent** days, other polls showed that the margin hadn't narrowed all that much.*

subside

v. settle down; sink to a lower level or form depression; wear off or die down

*The doctor assured us that the fever would eventually **subside**.*

subsidiary

a. subordinate; secondary; serving to assist or supplement
*This information may be used as **subsidiary** evidence but is not sufficient by itself to prove your argument.*

subsidy

n. direct financial aid by government
*Without this **subsidy**, American ship operators would not be able to compete in world markets.*

substantiate

v. establish by evidence; make firm or solid; support
*These endorsements from satisfied customers **substantiate** our claim that Pacific Lava is a best school to enhance vocabulary.*

subtitle

n. secondary or explanatory title; printed translation of the dialogue of film shown at the bottom of the screen
*If a title is the bait, then the **subtitle** is the hook and line that will draw the reader into your document.*

subtract

v. remove a part from the whole
*This selection will show you how to **subtract** two numbers.*

succession

n. act of succeeding, or following after; following of things in order of time or place, or a series of things so following;
sequence
*Respondents were shown two products in **succession** and asked whether they were somehow connected.*

successor

n. one who or that which succeeds or follows; one who takes the place which another has left

*The real-estate investment trust said the search for a **successor** is already underway, and will include both internal and external candidates.*

succinct

a. brief or compact; by clear, precise expression in few words

*Don't bore your audience with excess verbiage: be **succinct**.*

succumb

v. submit to an overpowering force; yield to an overwhelming desire; give up or give in

*President Zardari told the two US officials that Pakistan was fighting for its survival but would not **succumb** to the militants.*

sulphur

n. nonmetallic element occurring naturally in large quantities

*The US and Europe are both moving to low **sulphur** fuels for emissions reasons, but it is a beneficial ingredient for the engine.*

superfluous

a. being beyond what is required or sufficient

*Betsy lacked the heart to tell June that the wedding present she brought was **superfluous**; she and Bob had already received five toasters.*

superintend

v. oversee with power of direction; take care of with authority; supervise

He was appointed to **superintend** the toy department.

supersede

v. be placed in or take the room of; replace; make obsolete; make void or useless by superior power

*The new bulk mailing postal regulation will **supersede** the old one. If you continue to follow the old regulation, your bulk mailing will be returned to you.*

supersonic

a. having, caused by, or relating to speed greater than the speed of sound

*The Institute, looking further into the future, is investigating the problems likely to be encountered in **supersonic** flight.*

superstructure

n. physical or conceptual structure extended or developed from a basic form; part of a building or other structure above the foundation

*Something about the concrete **superstructure** of our building acts as a kind of echo chamber.*

supplement

v. add as something seems insufficient; complement; extension; addition

*A food **supplement** is a preparation intended to supply nutrients, which are missing or not consumed in sufficient quantity in a person's diet.*

supplementary

a. added to complete or make up a deficiency

*He produced **supplementary** volumes in time.*

supposition

n. act of supposing; something supposed; assumption

*I based my decision to confide in him on the **supposition** that he would be discreet.*

surcharge

n. an additional charge; charge an extra fee

*Amongst the ideas already mooted; vehicles which are lighter and more aerodynamic and therefore consume less fuel or imposing a **surcharge** on some of the larger cars and vans in order to deter people from buying them.*

List 29

surpass

v. be or go beyond, as in degree or quality; exceed

*The price of silver will double before ending the year at around 20 USD an ounce and gold will again **surpass** the 1000 USD mark, finishing the year at 1150 USD.*

sustenance

n. act of sustaining; something, especially food, that sustains life or health

*In the tropics, the natives find **sustenance** easy to obtain, due to all the fruit trees.*

swarm

n. dense moving crowd; large group of honeybees

*But in Manhattan, the **swarm** is always out there, moving in its mysterious but purposeful way.*

swerve

v. wander or stray; turn aside sharply; climb or move upward

*He predicted that gravitational interaction caused light from stars beyond the sun to deviate or **swerve** from a straight path as it passed the sun.*

swirl

n. whirling motion; eddy, as of water

*Dancers spun in a **swirl** of skirts.*

symbolize

v. represent; signify; stand for

*What does the Statue of Liberty **symbolize**?*

symmetry

n. arrangement of parts so that balance is obtained; congruity

*A certain **symmetry** is emerging in Indo-American relations.*

symposium

n. collection of writings on a particular topic, as in a magazine; meeting or conference for discussion of a topic; drinking together; merry feast

*The **symposium** is co-sponsored by the Huffington Post and Open Center and will take place in New York City on Friday, February 20th.*

synchronize

v. happen at the same time; arrange or represent events so that they co-occur

*We have to **synchronize** the data in different computers every morning.*

synonym

n. two words that can be interchanged in a context

*An example of **synonym** is the words car and automobile.*

synthesis

n. combining parts into a coherent whole; putting of two or more things together

*Now that we have succeeded in isolating this drug, our next problem is to plan its **synthesis** in the laboratory.*

systematic

a. ordered; methodical; carried on using step-by-step procedures
*He says the **systematic** settlement of land has been one of the strategic policies of the government in Darfur.*

tablet

n. a small flat compressed cake of some substance; a dose of medicine; simplified computer with only screen
*Let us not fool ourselves that the aspirin **tablet** isn't treating the disease, it is only treating the symptom.*

taboo

n. ban or inhibition resulting from social custom or emotional aversion; prohibition
*And I understand why this **taboo** is indeed present in our society.*

tacit

a. indicated or understood without expressed directly; not speaking; silent
*We have a **tacit** agreement based on only a handshake.*

tamper

v. interfere in a harmful manner; alter improperly
*So, somehow he is going to **tamper** with the census?*

tangible

a. able to be touched; real or concrete; palpable
*It'll take awhile before GM's new direction shows up in **tangible** new products at the dealership.*

tangle

n. uniting or knitting together confusedly; knot of threads, or other thing, united confusedly, or so interwoven as not to be easily disengaged

*The kind of **tangle** her hair got into is easily imaginable, and also the state of the rest of her bedroom.*

tariff

n. tax on goods coming into a country

*It would give an indication of how far the trade liberalization would go but they would still have a heavy workload in negotiating detailed **tariff** cuts.*

tarnish

v. make dirty or spotty; stain; dull the luster of; discolor, especially by exposure to air or dirt

*The air and days did **tarnish** these coins.*

taxation

n. laying a tax, or imposing taxes, as on the subjects of a state, by authority; raising of revenue

*A new system of **taxation** will be brought into effect next year.*

teem

v. be abuzz; be full of; move in large numbers

*The plaza will **teem** with undercover policemen.*

telecommunication

n. electronic systems used in transmitting messages

An explosive growth of international trade, combined with recent strides in

telecommunication and information technology, has given rise to the global village.

telex

n. communications system consisting of teletypewriters connected to a telephonic network to send and receive signals
*What I noticed on their business cards at the time was something called a **telex** number.*

temperament

n. person's normal manner of thinking, behaving or reacting; tendency to become irritable or angry
*For friendship some agreement in **temperament** is quite essential.*

temperate

a. restrained; self-controlled; moderate in degree or quality
*Try to be **temperate** in your eating this holiday season; if you control your appetite, you won't gain too much weight.*

tenable

a. capable of being held, maintained, or defended, as against an assailant or objector, or against attempts to take or process
*Give us some ideas that are **tenable**, that the Republicans could handle and live with when it comes to reforming health care in this country.*

tenacious

a. sticking together; stubbornly unyielding; holding together firmly
*The insurgents holed up here remain **tenacious**, unleashing suicide bombers and planting lethal explosives that can blow anything off the road.*

tenancy

n. possession or occupancy of lands, buildings, or other property under a lease; temporary possession of what belongs to another
*I bought a cheap trailer but now have to pay some \$2000 dollars a year for lot **tenancy**.*

tentacle

n. a more or less elongated process or organ, simple or branched, proceeding from the head or cephalic region of invertebrate animals, being either an organ of sense or motion
*Even as he swam, the **tentacle** was lazily withdrawn, so that there was no sign of the creature.*

tentative

a. hesitant; not fully worked out or developed; experimental; not definite or positive
*So, again, that's why I couched everything in **tentative** terms as there's a great amount of contrary evidence, at least within some critical concentrations of the population.*

terrestrial

a. earthly, as opposed to celestial; pertaining to the land
*In many science fiction films, alien invaders from outer space plan to destroy all **terrestrial** life.*

terrify

v. frighten; fill with terror
*Increasingly women are bearing the brunt of the epidemic, a pattern Mr. Annan says does **terrify**.*

terse

a. effectively concise; appearing as if wiped or rubbed, as smooth

*There is a fine line between speech that is **terse** and to the point and speech that is too abrupt.*

textile

n. cloth; fabric

*There have been quotas on **textile** trade for decades.*

texture

n. rough surface quality; structure of interwoven fibers or other elements; feel of a surface or a fabric

*They look and taste just like Pumpkin Pies, but the **texture** is a little denser and has more fiber.*

thesaurus

n. book of synonyms, often including related and contrasting words and antonyms

*A lot of people think the ability to use a **thesaurus** is all it takes to be a good writer.*

throng

n. large group of people gathered or crowded closely together

*A **throng** of shoppers jammed the aisles.*

timely

a. being or occurring in good time; sufficiently early; seasonable

*This has been a **timely** reminder of the need for constant care.*

timidity

n. lack of self-confidence or courage

*If you are to succeed as a salesman, you must first lose your **timidity** and fear of failure.*

List 30

tinge

n. degree, usually a slight degree, of some color, taste

*There was a **tinge** of sadness in her voice.*

toddle

v. walk with short, tottering steps, as a child.

*I reach up to grab the next chair so that I can **toddle** on my merry way.*

toil

n. exhausting labor or effort; any thread, web, or string spread for taking prey

*Three days and nights of **toil** and hunger in the cave were not to be shaken off at once, as Tom and Becky soon discovered.*

tolerable

a. capable of being borne or endured; supportable, either physically or mentally.

*Her sister, Miss Watson, a **tolerable** slim old maid, with goggles on, had just come to live with her, and took a set at me now with a spelling-book.*

toneless

a. having no tone; unmusical.

*Long pauses came between each of these remarks; they were uttered in **toneless** and monotonous voices.*

torrent

n. rushing stream; flood; heavy downpour

You can see the **torrent** run downhill in day after day heavy rains.

tourism

n. practice of traveling for pleasure; business of providing tours and services for tourists

*He has declared that **tourism** is a human right and those too poor to afford it should have their travel subsidized by the taxpayer.*

tract

n. expanse of land or water; system of organs that perform a specialized function; leaflet or pamphlet

*At one corner of the **tract** is a large Sultan Center wholesale outlet.*

traction

n. friction between body and surface on which it moves

Traction refers to the friction between a drive member and the surface it moves upon, where the friction is used to provide motion.

trample

v. destroy; step on

*It is better, therefore, for the insignificant to keep out of his way, lest, in his progress, he should **trample** them down.*

tranquility

n. a state of peace and quiet

*Enjoy tunes in the **tranquility** of your garden or patio without spoiling the landscaping.*

transcend

v. surpass; exceed; pass beyond the limits of

*To **transcend** is to go beyond and penetrate the mundane into a deeper*

truth or trust.

transfuse

v. pour, as liquid, out of one vessel into another; transfer by pouring

*"I think that to **transfuse** emotion," he writes, "to set up in the reader's sense a vibration corresponding to what was felt by the writer's is the peculiar function of poetry."*

transgress

v. pass over or beyond; surpass

*You may **transgress** this programming if the circumstances are right.*

transistor

n. small electronic device containing a semiconductor and having at least three electrical contacts

*Gordon Moore, father of the law that bears his name, called it the biggest change in **transistor** technology since the 1960s.*

translucent

a. partly transparent; transmitting rays of light without permitting objects to be distinctly seen

*We could not recognize the people in the next room because of the **translucent** curtains that separated us.*

transmit

v. forward; send from one person or place to another

*They **transmit** his secret to the whole town.*

traverse

v. go through or across, often under difficult conditions

*When you **traverse** this field alone, be careful of the bull.*

treatise

n. systematic, usually extensive written discourse on a subject

*He is preparing a **treatise** on the Elizabethan playwrights for his graduate degree.*

treble

v. make threefold or triple; play or sing the highest part or most acute sounds

*Profits in our company will **treble** based on last year.*

tributary

n. branch that flows into the main stream; tending to bring about; being partly responsible for

*A **tributary** is a stream or river which flows into a mainstream river, and which does not flow directly into a sea.*

trickle

v. flow in drops; run or flow slowly; drip

*That wealth has yet to **trickle** down to Indian villages where over sixty percent of Indians live.*

tropic

n. one of the two small circles of the celestial sphere, situated on each side of the equator, and parallel to it; hot and humid place

*We were a **tropic** planet prior to the ice age and we are returning to it.*

troupe

n. organization of performers and associated personnel

*A **troupe** of authentic belly dancers has been performing in the Cleveland, Ohio area since 2002.*

truant

n. wandering from business or duty; one who is absent without permission, especially from school

*This is not the first time that this solution has been proposed to keep **truant** students in class.*

trumpet

n. brass musical instrument with brilliant tone

*And near the King was the White Rabbit, with a **trumpet** in one hand, and a scroll of parchment in the other.*

tumour

n. tumor; abnormal growth of tissue resulting from uncontrolled, progressive multiplication of cells

*The woman who has the inoperable brain **tumour** is going to die and she wants someone to benefit from her kidneys.*

tumult

n. noise, as made by a crowd; riot or uprising

*She could not make herself heard over the **tumult** of the mob.*

turbulent

a. characterized by unrest or disorder

*Tony Blair's entering a **turbulent** week.*

turnover

n. act or result of turning over; upset; amount of money turned over or drawn in a business in a specified time; amount of people replaced in a business

*Wal-mart's **turnover** is the highest of any major retailer in the country, by almost twice as much.*

typhoon

n. tropical cyclone occurring in the western Pacific; violent whirlwind

*The most important thing about when a **typhoon** is approaching, it's a lot like when a hurricane is approaching in the U.S.*

tyrannical

a. dictatorial; domineering; authoritarian

*I have nothing to speak to that **tyrannical** government.*

tyre

n. tire; covering for a wheel, usually made of rubber reinforced with cords of nylon

*There is no tread on the **tyre**, you should put on a new one to keep your car safe.*

ultraviolet

a. wave lengths shorter than light but longer than X rays

*Glass is almost perfectly opaque to deep **ultraviolet**, which is why it's hard to get a tan through a window.*

undercharge

v. charge below or under; charge less than is usual or suitable
*Because the company had to **undercharge** for shipping costs to attract customers, it actually lost money on most of the items it sold.*

undergo

v. experience; suffer; pass through
*In February, a court ruled that Mr. Doe should **undergo** a DNA test.*

underlie

v. be located under or below; be the support or basis of; account for
*In turn, some of these ideas also **underlie** the Risch algorithm, which is used in Mathematics for indefinite integration.*

underline

v. mark a line below, as words; underscore.
*You can highlight, **underline**, bookmark, or otherwise notate your favorite sections.*

undertake

v. take on; embark on; assume
*Can we expect mini robots to **undertake** major tasks?*

underwrite

v. write under something else; subscribe; assume financial responsibility for; guarantee against failure
*Have we checked with China to see if they want to **underwrite** all this?*

List 31

undue

a. not due; not yet owing; not just, proper, or legal; ; excessive
*I was grateful, without showing **undue** excitement.*

uneven

a. not even; not level; not uniform; rough
*The car bumped on the **uneven** surface of the gravel road.*

ungainly

a. awkward; lacking grace in movement or posture
*"If you want to know whether Nick's an **ungainly** dancer, check out my bruised feet," said Nora.*

unify

v. integrate; make into or become one unit
*A proposal by Oracle could help **unify** emerging specifications for orchestrating Web services.*

unilateral

a. being on one side only; affecting but one side; one-sided.
*The newspaper were talking whether Israel would launch a **unilateral** attack against Iranian nuclear facilities.*

unrest

n. sleeplessness; uneasiness; state of trouble, confusion and turbulence, especially in a political context
*The social **unrest** has its origins in economic problems.*

untold

a. not told; not related; not revealed

*Acting on the contention that facts are sacred, reporters can cause **untold** suffering to individuals by publishing details about their private lives.*

upkeep

n. act of keeping up, or maintaining; maintenance

*This also assumes that new buildings cost nothing in **upkeep** and operating costs.*

uprising

n. act of rising; steep place; insurrection; popular revolt

*The king put down the **uprising** and killed all the slaves involved.*

utilise

v. make useful; find a practical use for; utilize

*Development must be integrated and sustainable, that is to say **utilise** our resources to satisfy present needs without compromising the needs of future generations.*

validity

n. quality of having legal force or effectiveness

*Although Israel ratified The Fourth Geneva Convention in 1951, it disputes the **validity** of the Convention in the occupied territories.*

valuation

n. act of valuing, or of estimating value or worth; act of setting a price; estimation

*She asked for a **valuation** of her house.*

variable

n. factor; something that is likely to vary; changeable; inconstant
*The weather is one **variable** to be considered in our trip.*

variant

a. varying in form, character, or the like; variable; different; diverse.

*Do the phrases that bother me qualify as **variant** usages, or are they simply mistakes?*

variation

n. act of changing or altering

*It showed no **variation** but of tint: green, where rush and moss overgrew the marshes; black, where the dry soil bore only heath.*

varied

a. differed; diversified; various

*The entire valley at my right hand was full of pasture- fields, and cornfields, and wood; and a glittering stream ran zigzag through the **varied** shades of green, the mellowing grain, and the somber woodland, the clear and sunny lea.*

vary

v. change aspect of; alter in form, appearance, substance, position; make different by a partial change; modify

*I believe she was happy in her way: nothing would force her to **vary** its clockwork regularity.*

vegetation

n. plants of an area or a region; plant life
*Cardiff Hill, beyond the village and above it, was green with **vegetation**.*

vehement

a. forceful; intensely emotional; inclined to react violently
*Alfred became so **vehement** in describing what was wrong with the Internal Revenue Service that he began jumping up and down and frothing at the mouth.*

venerate

v. treat with great respect and deference; consider hallowed or be in awe of
*In Tibet today, the common people still **venerate** their traditional spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama.*

ventilate

v. freshen; circulate through and freshen
*He said the disagreement over how to **ventilate** the mine showed just why the agency should have open hearings on the accident.*

versatile

a. having many talents; capable of working in many fields
*She was a **versatile** athlete, especially in basketball, hockey, and track.*

versed

a. acquainted through study or experience; knowledgeable or skilled
*She is well **versed** in classical languages.*

vex

v. annoy; disturb, especially by minor irritations; be a mystery or bewildering to

*Please try not to **vex** your mother; she is doing the best she can.*

vibrate

v. shake, quiver; move or swing from side to side regularly

*The phone includes a mechanical device that can make the phone **vibrate** when it would ring or make a sound, such as an incoming call or an alarm.*

vigorous

a. robust; strong; energetic, and active in mind or body

*At other times she seemed possessed of a wild animation, her eyes alight, her expression **vigorous**, an intense glow in her soul.*

vindicate

v. clear from blame; exonerate; maintain, uphold, or defend

*The lawyer's goal was to **vindicate** her client and prove him innocent on all charges.*

virtuous

a. possessing or exhibiting virtue; exhibiting manly courage and strength; valorous; brave

*A person who is **virtuous** is also courteous.*

vocational

a. of a vocation or occupation; providing a special skill rather than academic knowledge

*Every weekend he went to a **vocational** school to learn computer.*

vogue

n. popular fashion; current state or style of general acceptance and use

*Jeans became the **vogue** on many college campuses.*

voltage

n. difference in electrical charge between two points

*Tokyo Electric Company said the power was cut off when a crane mounted on a boat hit high **voltage** power lines that crossed a river.*

voucher

n. a piece of substantiating evidence; proof; written authorization or certificate

*Unlike open ended entitlements, the **voucher** is tied directly to a tax.*

waggon

n. four-wheeled, usually horse-drawn vehicle; wagon

*Recalled by the rumbling of wheels to the road before me, I saw a heavily-laden **waggon** laboring up the hill, and not far beyond were two cows and their drover.*

wail

v. grieve or protest loudly and bitterly; express sorrow by a mournful vocal sound; moan; cry

*When they get in an extramarital jam, they cry and **wail** and ask for forgiveness.*

wane

v. decrease in size or strength; draw gradually to an end
*When lit, does a wax candle **wane**?*

warrant

n. guarantee; assurance by seller; authorization or certification
*Wiretapping of our citizens without a **warrant** is against our values and not tolerated by the Democratic Party.*

wary

a. very cautious; on guard; watchful
*Many teachers remain **wary** of linking test scores to paychecks.*

waver

v. play or move to and fro; move one way and the other; swing; be unsettled in opinion
*The disaster caused him to **waver** in his faith.*

weld

v. unite closely or intimately; join together by heating
*Her gratitude would **weld** her to him.*

whereby

ad. by which; by what; how
*He devised a plan **whereby** he might escape.*

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whirl

n. act of rotating or revolving rapidly; state of confusion; tumult
*He can't adjust himself to the **whirl** of modern life in this big city.*

wholesale

a. selling or related to selling goods in large quantities; large-scale; on a large scale without careful discrimination

*The latest figures for American **wholesale** prices show they fell by nearly two percent last month.*

widespread

a. spread or scattered over a considerable extent; occurring or accepted widely

*The most pure form of pay for performance, executive stock options, resulted in **widespread** cheating over a decade.*

width

n. measurement of the extent of something from side to side

*In the case of a book where the average **width** is one inch, for example, the ideal length of elastic will be around 14 inches.*

wield

v. handle with skill; exercise effectively; have power over; rule or manage

*The Traders will never again **wield** as much power as we did.*

wither

v. shrivel; decay; lose freshness, vigor, or vitality; loss of moisture

*In the eight working days between meetings, new data showed South Korea's economy continued to **wither** from the effects of the global slowdown.*

wording

n. act or style of expressing in words; expression, or power of expression

*The photos are worth a thousand words although the actual **wording** is short and meaningful.*

wreathe

v. cause to revolve or writhe; twist about; turn; twist

*The local people used to **wreathe** the guest's head in leaves.*

wrought

a. putting together; made delicately or elaborately; having been worked or prepared somehow

*She must have a good deal to break a **wrought** iron bar.*

yearn

v. pain; grieve; vex; be pained or distressed; feel deep pity, sympathy, or tenderness

*I know that you **yearn** for the days of Republican rule so that you can get another tax cut for you and the rest of your rich friends.*

yoke

v. join together, unite; harness a draft animal to; join securely; force into heavy labor

*I don't wish to **yoke** to him in marriage, as if we were cattle pulling a plow.*

zeal

n. intense interest; eagerness to accomplish some object
*Katya's **zeal** was contagious; soon all her fellow students were busily making posters, inspired by her ardent enthusiasm for the cause.*

zest

n. a piece of orange or lemon peel, used to give flavor to liquor; something that gives or enhances a pleasant taste; appetizer
*The element of risk added **zest** to the adventure of this summer.*

zoology

n. part of biology which relates to the animal kingdom
*She holds an honors bachelor of Science degree from University of Toronto, specializing in **zoology** and behavior.*