

Definitions

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This section lists the words of each separate lesson in alphabetical order giving **definitions, pronunciation guides, synonyms, sentences, and derivatives.**

The **definitions** given here, often a secondary meaning, are those used on past SAT/PSAT tests. For that reason, in order to aid the students in preparing for that test, we find it expedient to give the students these definitions which are likely to appear on the test, rather than have the students look up the words themselves in dictionaries and copy definitions which may or may not be the choices of the writers of this test.

The **pronunciation guide** is a simplified method of indicating the pronunciation of words so that the student who is not familiar with phonetic symbols is not handicapped. The capitalized portion of the word is the accented portion.

The **synonyms** are included in this section as a prediction of words that may appear on future SAT/PSAT tests. If the creators of the SAT/PSAT feel a particular word is important enough to put on the test, they are likely to put the synonym of that word on future tests.

The **sentences** are added to assist the student in seeing how the words are used in context with the definitions that are tested on the SAT/PSAT.

The **derivatives** of the words are predictors of words on future tests. Often a variation of a previously tested word will appear on a test; we want to expose the student to all possible forms of the words.

Teaching Tips

Each student should keep a vocabulary section in his binder, or he should keep a spiral notebook for vocabulary definitions. At the beginning of each week, the teacher should allow the student to copy the definitions of that week's ten vocabulary words. As the tests are cumulative, it is necessary for the student to have all definitions accessible for study. Keeping his definitions will be critical for each student's success.

Teachers should give guided practice on the pronunciation of the words, modeling them first, then having the students pronounce the words.

Students should try to find interesting and comical ways to remember the definitions of words. A few minutes of class time for sharing ideas on how to remember definitions will greatly assist students with memorization. The more bizarre the story, the easier it is to remember.

Lesson 1

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1.	antipathy	an TIP uh thee	a dislike, distaste, or enmity
	Synonyms >>	animosity, animus, antagonism, hostility, rancor	
	The woman's obvious antipathy toward snakes surfaced when she came into contact with the slithering reptile.		
	Derivatives >>	antipathetic, antipathic, antipathist, antipathize, antipathies	
2.	ascetic	uh SET ik	one who leads a life of self-denial and contemplation; absent of luxury
	Synonyms >>	austere, severe, stern	
	The rich playboy could not understand the ascetic life led by the monk.		
	Derivatives >>	ascetical, asceticism, ascetically	
3.	decorum	deh KOR um	appropriate conduct, correct and proper behavior
	Synonyms >>		
	The students' decorum at the dance was excellent.		
	Derivatives >>	decorous, decorously, decorousness	
4.	edifice	ED uh fis	a very large building
	Synonyms >>		
	This particular edifice has the title of being the tallest building in the world.		
	Derivatives >>		
5.	eulogy	YOO luh jee	praise or tribute
	Synonyms >>	encomium, panegyric, tribute	
	The young woman presented a touching eulogy at her father's funeral.		
	Derivatives >>	eulogic, eulogious, eulogism, eulogist, eulogistic, eulogium, eulogization, eulogize, eulogizer	
6.	foliage	FOE lee ij	leaves of a plant, leafage
	Synonyms >>		
	The trees will soon come alive with green foliage.		
	Derivatives >>	foliages, foliar, foliaceous	
7.	grievous	GREE vus	characterized by severe suffering or sorrow, serious or grave
	Synonyms >>		
	You made a grievous error when you spoke to your parents in such a horrible fashion.		
	Derivatives >>	grievously, grievousness	
8.	ignominy	IG nuh min ee	disgraceful or dishonorable conduct
	Synonyms >>	disgrace, disrepute, infamy	
	Treason is an ignominy.		
	Derivatives >>	ignominious, ignominiously, ignominiousness	
9.	inclement	in KLEM unt	stormy, severe
	Synonyms >>		
	The weatherman said that our area should prepare for some inclement weather.		
	Derivatives >>	inclemency, inclemently, inclementness	
10.	inopportune	in op ur TOON	inconvenient, poorly timed
	Synonyms >>		
	Today is an inopportune time to get together since my parents are in town.		
	Derivatives >>	inopportunely, inopportuneness	

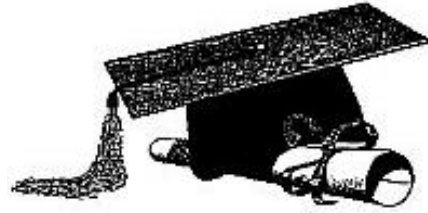
11.	labyrinthine	lab uh RIN thin	like a maze, very convoluted and intricate
	Synonyms >>	mazy	
		The senator vowed to unravel the labyrinthine welfare bureaucracy.	
	Derivatives >>	labyrinth, labyrinthal, labyrinthical, labyrinthian, labyrinthic, labyrinthically	
12.	lurid	LOOR id	sensational, gruesome and causing shock or horror
	Synonyms >>	grisly, ghastly, macabre	
		The tabloid published every lurid detail of the ax murder.	
	Derivatives >>	luridity, luridness	
13.	pallor	PAL ur	extreme paleness usually relating to the face
	Synonyms >>		
		The strange disease left the man with a sickly pallor.	
	Derivatives >>	pallors	
14.	placid	PLAS id	peaceful, calm
	Synonyms >>	serene, tranquil	
		The wilderness is usually a placid place where one can relax.	
	Derivatives >>	placidity, placidly, placidness	
15.	portent	PORE tent	a sign or forewarning
	Synonyms >>		
		The stock market crash was a portent of the coming of a depression.	
	Derivatives >>	portentive, portentous, portentously, portentousness	
16.	potentate	POTE un tate	a monarch, very powerful ruler, sovereign
	Synonyms >>		
		There are many countries in the Middle East that are ruled by a potentate.	
	Derivatives >>	potentates	
17.	propriety	pruh PRY eh tee	correct conduct
	Synonyms >>		
		Those who attend the club meetings should conduct themselves with propriety.	
	Derivatives >>	proprieties	
18.	quaint	KWAYNT	unusual in character or appearance
	Synonyms >>	eccentric, peculiar, queer, unique	
		When we go to New England, we like to stay in a quaint old inn that gives us the flavor of the area.	
	Derivatives >>	quaintish, quaintly, quaintness	
19.	witticism	WIT eh siz um	a clever and witty remark
	Synonyms >>	pun	
		The speaker's witticism will be remembered long after he is gone.	
	Derivatives >>	witty	
20.	zenith	ZEE nith	the highest point overhead, peak
	Synonyms >>		
		With that award-winning film, she reached the zenith of her career.	
	Derivatives >>	zeniths, zenithal	



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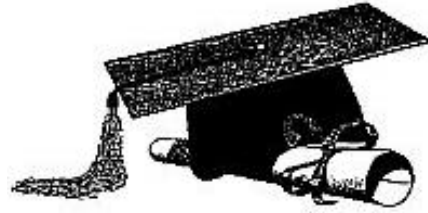


1.	benign	buh NINE	not causing harm, of gentle disposition, beneficial
	Synonyms >>		
	The minister was loved because of his benign attitude toward all types of people.		
	Derivatives >>	benignly, benignant, benignancy, benignantly, benignity	
2.	estrangle	eh STRANJ	to alienate, to separate
	Synonyms >>	disaffect, wean	
	The necessity to travel in his business may estrange him from his family for a short period of time.		
	Derivatives >>	estranged, estrangedness, estrangement	
3.	furrow	FUR ow	to make wrinkles or grooves
	Synonyms >>		
	The man's furrowed brow showed his deep concern.		
	Derivatives >>	furrowed, furrowing	
4.	inviolable	in VIE uh luh bul	secure from violation or from being profaned
	Synonyms >>		
	The numerous guards attempt to make the President inviolable.		
	Derivatives >>	inviolate, inviolability, invioableness, invioably, inviolacy, inviolateness, inviolately, inviolated, inviolating	
5.	jocular	JOK yu lur	jesting or joking
	Synonyms >>	facetious, jocose, jocund	
	The man's jocular mood kept us all entertained throughout the evening.		
	Derivatives >>	jocularly, jocularly, jocularness, jocator	
6.	languid	LANG gwid	slow, sluggish, listless, weak
	Synonyms >>	lethargic, stuporous, torpid	
	The old man's walk was languid, each pace requiring great effort.		
	Derivatives >>	languidly, languidness, languish, languisher, languishing, languishment	
7.	ominous	OM uh nus	threatening
	Synonyms >>	fateful, portentous	
	The ominous clouds were harbingers of the tornado.		
	Derivatives >>	ominously, ominousness	
8.	ponderous	PON dur us	very heavy, unwieldy from weight
	Synonyms >>	cumbersome, cumbrous	
	The ponderous furniture was hard to move, and thus became a burden.		
	Derivatives >>	ponderosity, ponderously, ponderousness	
9.	solace	SOL is	to comfort or to cheer
	Synonyms >>	soothe, mitigate, assuage	
	The Red Cross attempted to solace the flood victims.		
	Derivatives >>	solaceful, solacement, solacer, solaced, solacing	
10.	superfluous	soo PUR floo us	beyond what is needed or required, an overflow
	Synonyms >>		
	The meeting lasted so long because of many superfluous comments by some of the speakers.		
	Derivatives >>	superfluously, superfluousness, superfluent, superfluity	

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1.	abate	uh BAYT	to reduce in intensity or amount
	Synonyms >>	decrease, diminish, dwindle, ebb, lessen, reduce, wane	
		The flood waters abated after forty days of rain.	
	Derivatives >>	abatable, abater, abatement, abated, abating	
2.	abyss	uh BISS	bottomless hole, a vast expanse or depth
	Synonyms >>		
		The man had fallen into the abyss of depravity.	
	Derivatives >>	abysm, abysmal, abysmally, abyssal	
3.	expiate	EK spee ate	to atone or to make amends for a sin or a crime
	Synonyms >>		
		The judge asked him to expiate his crime by doing one hundred hours of community service.	
	Derivatives >>	expiation, expiational, expiative, expiator, expiatory	
4.	import	IM port	relative importance, significance
	Synonyms >>		
		The full import of today's events will not be realized for years.	
	Derivatives >>	importance	
5.	incongruity	in kon GROO eh tee	nonconformity, disagreement, incompatibility
	Synonyms >>		
		The incongruity between the two stories led me to doubt the accuracy of either report.	
	Derivatives >>	incongruent, incongruently, incongruence, incongruous, incongruously, incongruousness	
6.	indefatigable	in deh FAT uh guh bul	tireless, incapable of being fatigued
	Synonyms >>		
		The indefatigable army moved ahead steadily over the many days without rest.	
	Derivatives >>	indefatigability, indefatigableness, indefatigably	
7.	inextricable	in EKS truh kuh bul	not able to be disentangled
	Synonyms >>		
		The kite string is in such an inextricable mess that you might as well throw it all away.	
	Derivatives >>	inextricability, inextricableness, inextricably	
8.	infamous	IN fuh mus	having a reputation of the worst kind, vicious, notoriously bad
	Synonyms >>	disreputable, ignominious	
		The Japanese attack on Pearl Harbor was an infamous act.	
	Derivatives >>	infamously, infamy, infamies	
9.	piety	PIE eh tee	devotion and reverence to God
	Synonyms >>		
		The man was noted for his piety and devotion to the church.	
	Derivatives >>	pietism, pietist, pietistic, pietistically	
10.	scintillating	SIN tuh lay ting	sparkling, shining, or flashing
	Synonyms >>		
		The fireworks during a Fourth of July celebration are a scintillating display.	
	Derivatives >>	scintillate, scintillant, scintillantly, scintillatingly, scintillation, scintillator, scintillescent	

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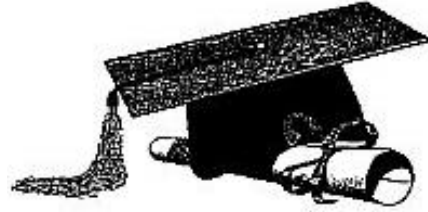


1.	calamity	kuh LAM uh tee	a serious event causing distress or misfortune
	Synonyms >>	cataclysm, catastrophe	
		The earthquake in Mexico was a calamity.	
	Derivatives >>	calamitous, calamitously, calamitousness	
2.	depravity	deh PRAV eh tee	moral corruption, a wicked or perverse act
	Synonyms >>	abasement, corruption, debasement, debauchery, perversion, vitiation	
		The depravity of his behavior shocked everyone.	
	Derivatives >>	deprave, depraver, depravement, depraved	
3.	erudite	ER yoo dite	scholarly
	Synonyms >>		
		The erudite physics professor had spent many years studying the theory of relativity.	
	Derivatives >>	eruditely, erudition	
4.	esoteric	es uh TER ik	understood only by a small group or a select few
	Synonyms >>		
		The English teachers were having an esoteric discussion about the correct usage of some obscure word.	
	Derivatives >>	esoterical, esoterically, esotericism, esotericist, esoterism, esotery	
5.	ethereal	eh THER ee ul	heavenly, unusually delicate, light, lacking material substance, intangible
	Synonyms >>		
		The ethereal sounds of the music soothed and calmed the patient.	
	Derivatives >>	etherealness, ethereality, etherealization, etherealize	
6.	evanescent	ev uh NES unt	fleeting; impermanent
	Synonyms >>	ephemeral, fugitive, transient, transitory	
		The evanescent sounds of applause are not what keeps the artist performing.	
	Derivatives >>	evanescence, evanesce, evanescently	
7.	exigent	EK seh junt	urgent, requiring immediate attention
	Synonyms >>		
		The exigent situation required immediate attention.	
	Derivatives >>	exigency, exigencies, exigence, exigently	
8.	palliate	PAL ee ate	to ease pain, guilt or intensity
	Synonyms >>		
		The doctor attempted to palliate the patient's suffering by prescribing drugs.	
	Derivatives >>	palliated, palliating, palliation, palliative, palliator, palliatory	
9.	plaintive	PLANE tiv	mournful and expressing sorrow
	Synonyms >>		
		The dog moaned in a plaintive manner when her puppies were taken.	
	Derivatives >>	plaintively, plaintiveness	
10.	propinquity	pro PING kweh tee	nearness; kinship
	Synonyms >>		
		The farm's propinquity to the chemical plant was blamed for the rise in cancer among the family members.	
	Derivatives >>	propinquant, propinquous	

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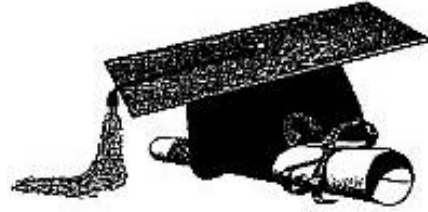


1.	abase	uh BAYS	to degrade, to humiliate
	Synonyms >>	corrupt, debase, debauch, demean, deprave, vitiate, pervert	
	The bitter woman deliberately set out to abase her husband in public.		
	Derivatives >>	abasement, abaser, abased, abasing	
2.	ascend	uh SEND	to move upward, to rise from a lower station
	Synonyms >>		
	The climbers ascended the mountain.		
	Derivatives >>	ascendancy, ascendancy, ascendant, ascension, ascending, ascended	
3.	dearth	DERTH	a lack, a scarcity
	Synonyms >>	paucity	
	The dearth of water in the arid country led to numerous deaths.		
	Derivatives >>	dearths	
4.	derision	deh REH zhun	scoffing at, mockery, ridicule
	Synonyms >>		
	The boy received much derision for his plaid gym shorts.		
	Derivatives >>	derisive, derisiveness, derisively, derisory	
5.	foreboding	fore BOE ding	premonition of evil, an ominous omen
	Synonyms >>	prediction, portent, presentiment	
	The black clouds overhead were a foreboding of bad weather.		
	Derivatives >>	forebode, foreboder	
6.	fugitive	FYOO jeh tiv	a person who is elusive or hard to find, wandering
	Synonyms >>	ephemeral, evanescent, fleeting, transient, transitory	
	The criminal became a fugitive who spent his life running from the law.		
	Derivatives >>	fugitate, fugitation, fugitives, fugitively, fugitiveness, fugitivity	
7.	malefactor	MAL uh fak tur	a criminal
	Synonyms >>		
	The candidate for attorney general said that he will see that all malefactors are locked up.		
	Derivatives >>	malefaction, malefactress, maleficence, malefice, maleficent	
8.	peal	PEEL	a loud ringing (usually of bells)
	Synonyms >>		
	The church bells pealed at noon to celebrate the wedding of Prince Charles and Lady Diana.		
	Derivatives >>	pealed, pealing	
9.	regimen	REJ uh men	the regular process, procedure, or system of doing something
	Synonyms >>		
	The boxer's training regimen is very strenuous.		
	Derivatives >>	regiment, regimental, regimentally, regimentation, regiminal	
10.	replete	reh PLETE	filled to capacity, abundantly supplied
	Synonyms >>	plenary	
	The bar was replete with every possible kind of alcohol.		
	Derivatives >>	repletiness, repletion, repletive	

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1.	abstruse	ab STRUSE	difficult to understand, recondite, concealed
	Synonyms >>	complex, complicated, intricate, knotty	
	Some concepts of Einstein were so abstruse that many physicists could not understand them.		
	Derivatives >>	abstrusely, abstruseness	
2.	alchemist	AL kuh mist	one who practices medieval chemistry or tries to change metals into gold
	Synonyms >>		
	The alchemist wanted to change iron into gold.		
	Derivatives >>	alchemistic, alchemical, alchemize, alchemy, alchemic, alchemical, alchemically	
3.	amenable	uh MEN uh bul	open to or willing to follow advice or suggestion, tractable, malleable
	Synonyms >>	docile, obedient	
	Since I like him and usually agree with him, I am always amenable to listening to his ideas.		
	Derivatives >>	amenability, amenableness, amenably	
4.	effervescent	ef ur VES unt	showing high spirits
	Synonyms >>		
	She put me in a good mood because she was always so effervescent.		
	Derivatives >>	effervesce, effervescence, effervescently, effervescingly, effervescible	
5.	gentility	jen TIL eh tee	state of refinement, member of the upper class or gentry
	Synonyms >>		
	Southern gentlemen were proud of their gentility.		
	Derivatives >>	gentilities	
6.	portal	PORE tul	a doorway (especially a large one)
	Synonyms >>		
	She stood for a moment in the portal before stepping into the room.		
	Derivatives >>	portaled, portals	
7.	precipice	PRES uh pis	a very steep cliff or mass of rock, the brink of something dangerous
	Synonyms >>		
	Some mountain climbers enjoy climbing a steep precipice.		
	Derivatives >>	precipices	
8.	primeval	pry MEE vul	ancient, relating to the earliest ages
	Synonyms >>		
	The archeologist discovered a primeval urn that dated to 600 B.C.		
	Derivatives >>	primevally	
9.	prolific	pro LIF ik	abundantly fruitful, marked by great productivity
	Synonyms >>	fecund, fertile	
	Since he has written a great number of books in a short period, Stephen King is known as a prolific writer.		
	Derivatives >>	proliferation, proliferate, proliferative, proliferous, proliferously	
10.	stalwart	STAL wurt	one who supports a cause with firm partisanship
	Synonyms >>	resolute , strong	
	That justice was known as a stalwart in defending 1st amendment rights.		
	Derivatives >>	stalwartyly, stalwartness	

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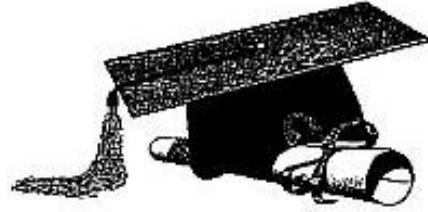


1.	austere	aw STEER	strict, stern; unadorned, ascetic
	Synonyms >>	severe	
	Pioneers usually led an austere existence.		
	Derivatives >>	austereness, austereity, austerity	
2.	gaunt	GAWNT	very thin, emaciated, angular
	Synonyms >>	lank, lean, rawboned, spare	
	Prisoners in World War II concentration camps became gaunt from lack of nutrition.		
	Derivatives >>	gauntly, gauntness, gaunty	
3.	odious	OH dee us	deserving hate or contempt
	Synonyms >>		
	Pornography is an odious business.		
	Derivatives >>	odiously, odiousness, odium	
4.	petulance	PECH uh luns	unreasonable touchiness or irritability
	Synonyms >>		
	Petulance is sometimes the trait of a child who is not getting his way.		
	Derivatives >>	petulant, petulancy, petulantly	
5.	revere	reh VERE	to honor, to regard with respect
	Synonyms >>	adore, venerate, worship	
	Nearly all Catholics revere the Pope.		
	Derivatives >>	reverence, reverent, reverentness, reverential, reverentially, reverentially	
6.	rotund	roe TUND	very plump, round
	Synonyms >>		
	Picture Henry the VIII if you want to visualize a rotund individual.		
	Derivatives >>	rotundity, rotundly, rotundate	
7.	tarry	TARE ee	to delay in coming or going, to linger
	Synonyms >>		
	Please do not tarry; I want you to be here on time.		
	Derivatives >>	tarriness, tarried, tarries	
8.	vicissitude	veh SIS eh tood	a passing from one thing to another, change of luck
	Synonyms >>		
	One can never get used to life's vicissitudes.		
	Derivatives >>	vicissitudinous	
9.	virtuous	VIR choo us	having excellent morals; righteous
	Synonyms >>	ethical, noble	
	One would expect nuns to be very virtuous.		
	Derivatives >>	virtuously, virtuousness, virtue	
10.	vitiated	VISH ee ate id	impaired, corrupted, or made ineffective
	Synonyms >>		
	My agreement with him was vitiated when I found that he was stealing assets.		
	Derivatives >>	vitiating, vitiator	

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1.	audacity	aw DAS uh tee	excessive boldness, rashness, daring
	Synonyms >>	cheek, chutzpah, effrontery, gall, hardihood, temerity	
	I was surprised that he had the audacity to approach the Queen.		
	Derivatives >>	audacious, audaciousness, audaciously	
2.	auspicious	aw SPISH us	favorable
	Synonyms >>	propitious	
	Making an "A" on the first test was an auspicious way to begin the year.		
	Derivatives >>	auspiciously, auspiciousness	
3.	consecrate	KON suh krate	to dedicate or to declare sacred
	Synonyms >>	devote, hallow	
	Ministers customarily consecrate their lives to serving God.		
	Derivatives >>	consecrated, consecrating, consecratory, consecrator, consecration	
4.	credible	KRED uh bul	reliable and believable
	Synonyms >>		
	It is important for a person's words to be credible.		
	Derivatives >>	credibility, credibleness, credibly	
5.	enumerate	eh NOO muh rate	to count one by one
	Synonyms >>		
	In his summation, my lawyer enumerated all of the reasons why I should receive a verdict of "not guilty."		
	Derivatives >>	enumeration, enumerative, enumerator	
6.	gratuitous	gruh TOO eh tus	given freely, unwarranted
	Synonyms >>		
	I resent your gratuitous comments because no one asked for them.		
	Derivatives >>	gratis, gratuitous, gratuitousness, gratuital, gratuitously	
7.	imbibe	im BIBE	to absorb or to drink in
	Synonyms >>		
	It is dangerous to imbibe too much alcohol.		
	Derivatives >>	imbibes, imbibed, imbibition, imbibitional, imbiber	
8.	inauspicious	in ah SPISH us	unfavorable
	Synonyms >>		
	I was disheartened by the inauspicious occasion of his death.		
	Derivatives >>	inauspiciously	
9.	pompous	POM pus	exaggerated show of dignity or self-importance, bombastic
	Synonyms >>	ostentatious, pretentious	
	It is very pompous of him to believe that his ideas should always receive the first consideration.		
	Derivatives >>	pomp, pomposity, pompously, pompousness	
10.	sedulous	SEJ uh lus	very diligent, accomplishing with painstaking care
	Synonyms >>	assiduous, industrious	
	It is very heartwarming when I can get a student to sedulously complete an assignment.		
	Derivatives >>	sedulous, sedulity, sedulousness	

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1.	endow	en DOW	to provide with income or property, to supply with a talent or quality
	Synonyms >>		
	I plan to endow a million dollars to my former college.		
	Derivatives >>	endowment, endowed	
2.	enmity	EN muh tee	absolute hatred
	Synonyms >>	animosity, animus, antagonism, antipathy, hostility, rancor	
	I have a lot of enmity for people who provide illegal drugs to children.		
	Derivatives >>	enmities	
3.	fervent	FUR vent	ardent, showing great emotion, impassioned
	Synonyms >>	fervid, passionate, perfervid	
	I have a fervent love for that man.		
	Derivatives >>	fervency, fervently, ferventness, fervid, fervidly, fervidity, fervidness	
4.	obviates	OB vee ates	makes unnecessary, prevents as a result of anticipating
	Synonyms >>		
	I hope that this settlement obviates any further contact between us.		
	Derivatives >>	obviated, obviable, obviation, obviate	
5.	opaque	oh PAKE	not allowing the passage of light, not transparent; hard to understand
	Synonyms >>	dark	
	I am going to place something opaque in the window so that no one will be able to see into this room.		
	Derivatives >>	opaquely, opaqueness, opaquer	
6.	palpable	PAL puh bul	tangible, perceptible, easily noticeable
	Synonyms >>		
	I do not see how I overlooked such a palpable miscalculation.		
	Derivatives >>	palpability, palpably, palpableness	
7.	propensity	pruh PEN seh tee	preference, natural inclination
	Synonyms >>	leaning, penchant, proclivity	
	I have a propensity for rising early.		
	Derivatives >>	propension, propense, propend	
8.	remonstrate	reh MON strate	to protest, to make objections
	Synonyms >>		
	I must remonstrate about the treatment of the residents of the rest home.		
	Derivatives >>	remonstrance, remonstrancer, remonstrant, remonstrantly, remonstratingly, remonstration, remonstrative	
9.	tome	TOME	a book that is a large volume
	Synonyms >>		
	I have purchased the history of England in ten tomes.		
	Derivatives >>	tomes	
10.	wan	WAHN	very pale and sickly
	Synonyms >>		
	I knew that something very serious was wrong by his wan appearance.		
	Derivatives >>	waned, wanning	

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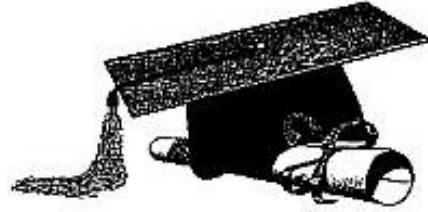


1.	acuity	uh KEW uh tee	sharpness of perception
	Synonyms >>		
	His acuity in determining the facts made him a good judge.		
	Derivatives >>	acuties, acute, acuteness	
2.	alacrity	uh LAK ruh tee	prompt and cheerful response
	Synonyms >>	celerity	
	I accepted his invitation to the prom with alacrity.		
	Derivatives >>	alacritous	
3.	append	uh PEND	to add in a supplementary manner
	Synonyms >>		
	His long-winded discourse was appended by a final summary of important points.		
	Derivatives >>	appendage, appendant, appendance, appended	
4.	benevolence	buh NEV uh lunz	kindness, generosity, charity
	Synonyms >>		
	His benevolence was shown when he set up soup kitchens for the poor.		
	Derivatives >>	benevolent, benevolently	
5.	betoken	buh TOE kun	to give a sign of
	Synonyms >>		
	His good actions betokened a kind heart.		
	Derivatives >>	betokened	
6.	duplicity	doo PLIS eh tee	double-dealing, hypocrisy
	Synonyms >>		
	His duplicity was exposed when the girl he was seeing found out he was married.		
	Derivatives >>	duplicitous	
7.	implicit	im PLIS it	understood but not directly expressed
	Synonyms >>		
	His implicit remarks left no doubt as to what he meant.		
	Derivatives >>	implicitly, implicitness, implicity	
8.	impute	im PYOOT	to blame or to charge
	Synonyms >>		
	His bizarre actions have been imputed to mental derangement.		
	Derivatives >>	imputability, imputable, imputableness, imputably, imputation, imputational, imputatively, imputativeness	
9.	misanthrope	MIS un thrope	a hater of mankind
	Synonyms >>	misanthropist	
	Hopefully, nuclear weapons will never fall into the hands of a misanthrope.		
	Derivatives >>	misanthropy, misanthropic, misanthropically, misanthropical, misanthropism, misanthropize	
10.	obtuse	ub TUSE	dull of mind, insensitive, stupid
	Synonyms >>		
	His obtuse response to the question showed that he did not understand the nature of the discussion.		
	Derivatives >>	obtusely, obtuseness, obtusion, obtusity	

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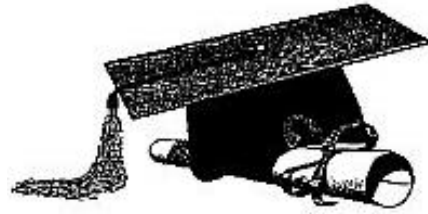


1.	abnegate	AB nuh gayt	to surrender or to relinquish (a right, belief, or idea)	
	Synonyms >>	forgo		
	He asked the committee to abnegate its right to rule on the issue.			
	Derivatives >>	abnegated, abnegating, abnegates, abnegation, abnegator		
2.	affinity	uh FIN uh tee	a likeness, a natural relationship, a kinship	
	Synonyms >>			
	Having suffered himself, he felt an affinity for the homeless.			
	Derivatives >>	affinitive		
3.	capricious	kuh PRISH us	changing suddenly, fickle	
	Synonyms >>	inconstant, mercurial, unstable		
	Her capricious moods are difficult to anticipate.			
	Derivatives >>	caprice, capriciously, capriciousness		
4.	inscrutable	in SKROO tuh bul	difficult to understand; mysterious	
	Synonyms >>			
	He had us all confused with his inscrutable smile.			
	Derivatives >>	inscrutableness, inscrutably, inscrutability		
5.	magnate	MAG nate	a person of power and influence	
	Synonyms >>			
	He was a film magnate who had great power to create a star.			
	Derivatives >>	magnateship		
6.	malleable	MAL ee uh bul	capable of being shaped, influenced, or altered; tractable	
	Synonyms >>	plastic, pliable, pliant, ductile		
	Gold is a malleable metal.			
	Derivatives >>	malleability, malleabilization, malleableize, malleableness		
7.	penitent	PEN eh tunt	showing or feeling regret for wrongdoing, repentant	
	Synonyms >>	compunctual, contrite, remorseful		
	He became penitent when he realized that his prank resulted in serious injury.			
	Derivatives >>	penitence, penitency, penitential		
8.	predilection	pred uh LEK shun	preference	
	Synonyms >>			
	He has a predilection for fish when he goes out to eat.			
	Derivatives >>	predilect, predilected		
9.	torpid	TOR pid	sluggish, inactive, dull	
	Synonyms >>			
	He is always torpid on Sunday mornings.			
	Derivatives >>	torpor, torpidity, torpidness, torpify, torpidly, torpitude, torporific		
10.	unobtrusive	un ob TRUE siv	not readily noticeable, inconspicuous	
	Synonyms >>			
	He is very unobtrusive sitting over there in the corner.			
	Derivatives >>	unobtrusiveness, unobtrusively		

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1.	buoyant	BOY unt	capable of floating; cheerful
	Synonyms >>		
	Because the log was buoyant, it stayed afloat. The girl's buoyant spirit made her pleasant company.		
	Derivatives >>	buoyancy, buoyance, buoyantly, buoyantness, buoy	
2.	burnish	BUR nish	to make shiny or to polish by rubbing
	Synonyms >>		
	Burnished metal is usually very reflective.		
	Derivatives >>	burnisher, burnishes, burnished, burnishing	
3.	despondency	deh SPON dun see	depression, dejection
	Synonyms >>		
	Because he thought that he had failed the test, he felt great despondency.		
	Derivatives >>	despondent, despondence, despondently, desponding, despondingly	
4.	despotic	deh SPOT ik	ruling oppressively and absolutely; tyrannical
	Synonyms >>		
	Americans do not like despotic behavior.		
	Derivatives >>	despotical, despotically, despotism, despotist, despotize, despot	
5.	discern	deh SURN	to differentiate between two or more things
	Synonyms >>		
	Because of the fog, I was barely able to discern the landing strip.		
	Derivatives >>	discerner, discernible, discernable, discernibleness, discernibly, discernably, discerningly, discernment	
6.	forbearance	fore BARE uns	patience, lenience
	Synonyms >>		
	Because he is so young, we must have forbearance in dealing with him.		
	Derivatives >>	forbear, forbearant, forbearer, forbearing, forbearingly, forbearingsness, forbore	
7.	inveterate	in VET ur it	firmly established, habitual, deep-rooted
	Synonyms >>		
	Because he had been an inveterate workaholic, he had trouble adjusting his lifestyle when he retired.		
	Derivatives >>	inveterately, inveterateness	
8.	venerate	VEN uh rate	to honor, to revere
	Synonyms >>	adore, worship	
	Although I did not always agree with President Kennedy, I venerate his memory.		
	Derivatives >>	veneration, venerational, venerator, venerable, venerability	
9.	vista	VIS tuh	a distant view seen through an opening
	Synonyms >>		
	As he reached the forest, he saw vistas of stone passages leading in many directions.		
	Derivatives >>	vistaed, vistas	
10.	voluptuous	vuh LUP choo us	pleasurable to the senses, sensuous
	Synonyms >>		
	Bob Hope always took voluptuous women with him when he entertained soldiers overseas.		
	Derivatives >>	voluptuosity, voluptuousness, voluptuate, voluptuously	

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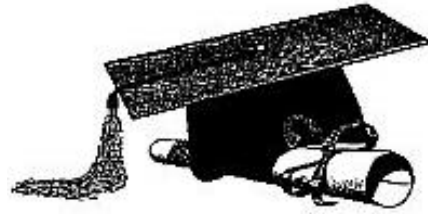


1.	antidote	AN teh dote	something that relieves the effects of poison
	Synonyms >>		
	A snake bite need not be deadly, as long as one can get an antidote quickly.		
	Derivatives >>	antidotal	
2.	decorousness	DEK ur us ness	proper behavior
	Synonyms >>		
	A gentleman's behavior is known for its decorousness.		
	Derivatives >>	decorous, decorously, decorum	
3.	extant	EK stunt	still in existence
	Synonyms >>		
	Although his books are illegal, many are extant and available on the black market.		
	Derivatives >>		
4.	husband	HUZ bund	to manage prudently and in a conservative manner
	Synonyms >>		
	A farmer must husband his animals if they are to remain healthy.		
	Derivatives >>	husbandry, husbandman, husbandly, husbänder, husbandland	
5.	impugn	im PYOON	to assail or to attack one's honor or integrity
	Synonyms >>		
	After the death of his father, many relatives impugned his claims to his inheritance.		
	Derivatives >>	impugnable, impugnation, impugment	
6.	insidious	in SID ee us	treacherous or dangerous in a secret sort of way
	Synonyms >>		
	AIDS is insidious because one can have it and transmit it before showing symptoms of the disease.		
	Derivatives >>	insidiously, insidiousness	
7.	melancholy	MEL un kol ee	depression of spirits
	Synonyms >>		
	After Dad lost his job, he fell into a state of melancholy.		
	Derivatives >>	melancholia, melancholic, melancholiac, melancholically, melancholily, melancholiness, melancholious	
8.	mettle	MET ul	courage or spirit
	Synonyms >>	resolution, tenacity	
	A crisis like this would test anyone's mettle.		
	Derivatives >>	mettles, mettled, mettlesome	
9.	precocious	preh KOE shus	exceptionally early in development or occurrence
	Synonyms >>		
	A child prodigy is a young person who is very precocious.		
	Derivatives >>	precociousness, precosity, precociously	
10.	sanctify	SANGK tuh fie	to set apart for sacred use, to make holy, to purify
	Synonyms >>		
	A priest sanctifies water by blessing it.		
	Derivatives >>	sanctification, sanctified, sanctifier, sanctity, sanctitude	

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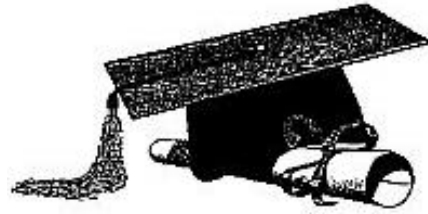


1.	avarice	AV uh ris	greed for wealth
	Synonyms >>	cupidity	
	Avarice and gluttony are two vices that can destroy lives.		
	Derivatives >>	avaricious, avariciously, avariciousness	
2.	credulous	KREJ uh lus	believing on slight evidence, gullible
	Synonyms >>		
	Because the lady's horoscope said that she should stay inside, the credulous woman did not go to work.		
	Derivatives >>	credulously, credulousness, credulity	
3.	laud	LAWD	to praise, to extol
	Synonyms >>	revere	
	Her performance was lauded by all of the critics.		
	Derivatives >>	laudability, laudable, laudableness	
4.	malice	MAL is	desire to harm others
	Synonyms >>	malevolence, malignity, spite, spleen	
	His death was caused by malice and was not accidental.		
	Derivatives >>	maliceful, malicious, maliciously, maliciousness	
5.	obscure	ub SKYOOR	difficult to see, vague
	Synonyms >>	abstruse, ambiguous, cryptic, enigmatic, equivocal, recondite	
	Because the meaning of the play was obscure, I was unable to enjoy it.		
	Derivatives >>	obscuration, obscurative, obscuredly, obscurely, obscurement, obscureness, obscurity	
6.	profundity	pruh FUN deh tee	profound knowledge, intellectual depth
	Synonyms >>		
	Einstein had a profundity that was admired by all.		
	Derivatives >>	profound, profoundly, profoundness	
7.	quench	KWENCH	to extinguish, to put out; to relieve with liquid
	Synonyms >>		
	He quenched the hot coals in the barbecue pit with water.		
	Derivatives >>	quencher, quenched, quenching, quenchable, quenchableness	
8.	rend	REND	to tear violently, to split
	Synonyms >>	cleave, rive	
	He tried to rend the flag as a protest against the war.		
	Derivatives >>	rent, rended, rending, rends	
9.	vanquished	VAN kwishd	conquered, overpowered
	Synonyms >>		
	Hitler's armies vanquished Poland with aid from Russia.		
	Derivatives >>	vanquishable, vanquisher, vanquishment	
10.	wanton	WAHN tun	immoral, lewd
	Synonyms >>		
	He had to drop out of the presidential race when his wanton behavior was exposed.		
	Derivatives >>	wantonly, wantonness	

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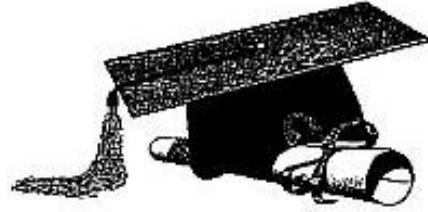


1.	chide	CHIDE	to voice disapproval, to scold
	Synonyms >>	admonish, castigate, chasten, chastise, rebuke, reprove	
	I was chided by my teacher for not completing my assignment.		
	Derivatives >>	chided, chid, chidden, chiding, chider, chidingly	
2.	confound	kon FOUND	to cause one to become confused
	Synonyms >>		
	I am confounded by the tax forms of the IRS.		
	Derivatives >>	confounded, confoundedly, confounding, confounds	
3.	daunt	DAWNT	to intimidate, to dismay
	Synonyms >>		
	I am not daunted by your threats.		
	Derivatives >>	dauntless, dauntlessly, dauntlessness	
4.	forswear	fore SWARE	to renounce and to repudiate
	Synonyms >>	abjure, renounce, recant, retract	
	I had such a hangover this morning that I am going to forswear drinking.		
	Derivatives >>	forsook, foreswear, foresworn, foreswearing	
5.	palatable	PAL uh tuh bul	agreeable to the taste, acceptable
	Synonyms >>		
	I have never found it very palatable that girls in school can wear miniskirts but not shorts.		
	Derivatives >>	palatableness, palatability, palatably	
6.	prattle	PRAT ul	meaningless sounds, babble
	Synonyms >>		
	I have difficulty understanding the prattle of young children.		
	Derivatives >>	prattled, prattling, prattlement, prattler, prattlingly	
7.	rancor	RANG kur	bitter deep-seated ill will, enmity
	Synonyms >>	animosity, animus, antagonism, antipathy, hostility	
	I was full of rancor when I learned that the men had killed my parents.		
	Derivatives >>	rancored, rancorous, rancorously	
8.	summon	SUM un	to call together, to send for or to request to appear
	Synonyms >>	convene, convoke, muster	
	I am frightened because I have been summoned to the principal's office.		
	Derivatives >>	summoner, summons	
9.	surfeited	SUR feh ted	fed or supplied to excess
	Synonyms >>	cloyed, glutted, gorged, palled, sated, satiated	
	I was surfeited after having eaten so much food at the banquet.		
	Derivatives >>	surfeit, surfeiter	
10.	tidings	TIE dings	information or news
	Synonyms >>		
	I bring good tidings from the central office. Tomorrow is a holiday.		
	Derivatives >>	tidings	

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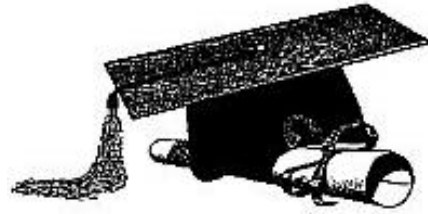


1.	augury	AW gyuh ree	an omen or prophecy
	Synonyms >>		
	Several auguries were revealed to Caesar before his death.		
	Derivatives >>	augur, auguries, augured	
2.	bane, baneful	BANE ful	a source of harm or destruction; harmful, destructive
	Synonyms >>	deleterious, detrimental, noxious, pernicious	
	Overeating was the bane of her existence. The baneful herbs made the woman extremely ill.		
	Derivatives >>	baneful, banefully, banefulness	
3.	blanch	BLANCH	to take the color out of, to bleach, to make white
	Synonyms >>		
	It is popular to blanch new blue jeans before wearing them.		
	Derivatives >>	blancher, blanched	
4.	combustible	kum BUS tuh bul	capable of burning
	Synonyms >>		
	One needs to be careful when cleaning with combustible liquids.		
	Derivatives >>	combustibility, combustibleness, combustibly, combusive	
5.	disdain	dis DANE	intense dislike; to treat with scorn or contempt, to reject as unworthy
	Synonyms >>	(to be) arrogant, haughty, high-handed, insolent, lordly, supercilious	
	Never having had to do manual labor, he disdained the idea of becoming a cotton picker.		
	Derivatives >>	disdained, disdaining, disdainer, disdainful, disdainfully, disdainfulness	
6.	lament	luh MENT	to mourn or to express sorrow in a demonstrative manner
	Synonyms >>	bemoan, bewail, deplore	
	She lamented the death of her father in a very lachrymose manner.		
	Derivatives >>	lamented, lamenting, lamentation, lamentable	
7.	mortify	MORE tuh fie	to humiliate, to wound pride, to experience shame
	Synonyms >>		
	It would simply mortify me to have someone say such shameful things about my family.		
	Derivatives >>	mortifyingly, mortifier, mortified, mortifiedly, mortification	
8.	petty	PET ee	small and insignificant
	Synonyms >>		
	Put your petty grievances aside and settle this matter.		
	Derivatives >>	pettiness, pettily	
9.	searing	SEER ing	causing to wither or to dry up or to become scorched
	Synonyms >>		
	One could easily die in the searing heat of the Mojave desert.		
	Derivatives >>	sear, seared, searingly	
10.	temperate	TEM pur ut	exercising self-control
	Synonyms >>		
	Seeing the devastating effects of alcohol on his father, he was temperate in his own liquor consumption.		
	Derivatives >>	temperance, temperately, temperateness	

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1.	balm	BALLM	a soothing substance or one that gives relief
	Synonyms >>		
	The balm caused the pain of the sunburn to subside and then to diminish.		
	Derivatives >>	balmily, balminess, balmy, balms, balmed, balming	
2.	blasphemous	BLAS fuh mus	irreverent, profane
	Synonyms >>		
	Telling that sacrilegious joke is blasphemous.		
	Derivatives >>	blaspheme, blasphemed, blaspheming, blaspemer, blasphemousness, blasphemously, blasphemy	
3.	cherubic	chuh ROO bic	innocent, wholesome, angelic
	Synonyms >>		
	The cherubic expression on the child's face concealed his guilt.		
	Derivatives >>	cherub, cherubs, cherubim, cherubically	
4.	desolate	DES uh lit	deserted, without inhabitants, barren
	Synonyms >>		
	Some of the western states have large areas that are desolate.		
	Derivatives >>	desolately, desolateness, desolater, desolating, desolation	
5.	equivocate	eh KWIV uh kate	to attempt to lie, to mislead, or to hide the truth
	Synonyms >>	palter, prevaricate	
	Tell the truth and do not attempt to equivocate.		
	Derivatives >>	equivocal, equivocacy, equivocality, equivocally, equivocalness, equivocation, equivocator, equivocality	
6.	hideous	HID ee us	very ugly, offensive, shocking
	Synonyms >>		
	Some characters in the horror movie had hideous faces.		
	Derivatives >>	hideously, hideousness, hideosity	
7.	intemperance	in TEM pur uns	lack of moderation (usually relating to drinking alcohol)
	Synonyms >>		
	Some fraternity members are known for their intemperance.		
	Derivatives >>	intemperate, intemperancy, intemperately, intemperateness	
8.	pernicious	pur NISH us	very destructive or harmful, deadly
	Synonyms >>	baneful, deleterious, detrimental, noxious	
	Shooting heroin is a pernicious habit.		
	Derivatives >>	perniciously, perniciousness	
9.	resolute	REZ uh loot	characterized by a decided purpose
	Synonyms >>	staunch, steadfast, determined, resolved, faithful, firm	
	The business was run by a resolute man who set his mind on a goal and followed through with it.		
	Derivatives >>	resoluter, resolutest, resolutely, resoluteness, resolution, resolutionary, resolutioner, resolute	
10.	trifling	TRY fling	not significant, frivolous
	Synonyms >>		
	Some think that watching MTV is a trifling experience.		
	Derivatives >>	trifle, trifled, trifling, trifles	

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1.	bestow	be STOW	to grant or to give
	Synonyms >>		
	The country bestowed honor for Martin Luther King, Jr., by making his birthday a national holiday.		
	Derivatives >>	bestowal, bestowed, bestowment	
2.	clamor	KLAM ur	loud noise or shouting
	Synonyms >>		
	The clamor finally subsided when the children went to bed.		
	Derivatives >>	clamors, clamored, clamoring, clamorous, clamorously, clamorousness	
3.	corporeal	kor POR ee ul	relating to a physical, material body; tangible and palpable
	Synonyms >>	bodily, material, substantial	
	The lawyers asked the man to list all his corporeal properties, his material assets which are visible or tangible.		
	Derivatives >>	corporealist, corporeality, corporealize, corporeally	
4.	entreaty	en TREE tee	a plea, an earnest request
	Synonyms >>	adjuration, appeal, suit, importunity, supplication	
	The lawyer made a lengthy entreaty to the jury before they retired to chambers.		
	Derivatives >>	entreat, entreatingly, entreatment	
5.	epicure	EP uh kyoor	a person who understands a lot about food and drink, a connoisseur
	Synonyms >>	gastronome, gourmet, gourmand	
	The extravagant party was enjoyed most by the epicure who indulged in sensual delight.		
	Derivatives >>	epicureal, epicurial, epicurean, epicureanism, epicureous, epicurism,	
6.	homely	HOME lee	plain or unattractive in appearance
	Synonyms >>		
	The girl was rather homely, but she had a wit and an intellect that could not be matched.		
	Derivatives >>	homeliness, homlier, homliest	
7.	industrious	in DUS tree us	skillfully busy or occupied
	Synonyms >>	assiduous, diligent, sedulous	
	The industrious student will use time wisely.		
	Derivatives >>	industriously, industriousness, industry	
8.	requite	reh KWITE	to make repayment or to return
	Synonyms >>		
	The girl suffered a broken heart from unrequited love.		
	Derivatives >>	requited, requiter, requital	
9.	sovereign	SOV rin	possessed of controlling power
	Synonyms >>	predominant, paramount, preponderant	
	The king is sovereign within his country.		
	Derivatives >>	sovereignly, sovereignty, sovranity	
10.	warranted	WOR un ted	justified
	Synonyms >>		
	The jury felt that the death penalty was warranted because of the heinous nature of the crime.		
	Derivatives >>	warrant, warrantable, warrantableness, warrantably	

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1.	buffeted	BUFF et id	struck repeatedly, battered
	Synonyms >>		
	The winds buffeted the seamen all last night.		
2.	champion	CHAM pee un	to defend or to support
	Synonyms >>		
	The senator championed the cause of the homeless.		
3.	cloister	KLOI stur	to seclude or to confine
	Synonyms >>		
	The wealthy magnate led a cloistered life in his retirement.		
4.	ecstasy	EK stuh see	extreme happiness
	Synonyms >>	rapture, transport	
	The music was so beautiful that it put the crowd into a state of ecstasy.		
5.	homage	HOM ij	a reverential regard; respect shown by external action
	Synonyms >>	honor, reverence, deference, obeisance	
	The people went to pay homage to their respected leader.		
6.	humane	hyoo MANE	kind, compassionate, sympathetic and considerate
	Synonyms >>		
	The United States was very humane in its treatment of prisoners of war.		
7.	largess	lar JES, LAR jis	generous giving
	Synonyms >>		
	The wealthy man was known by many charities for his largess.		
8.	lecher	LECH ur	one who indulges excessively in sexual activity or in lasciviousness
	Synonyms >>		
	The young woman was repulsed by the unwanted sexual advances of the lecher.		
9.	malady	MAL eh dee	a disease or unwholesome condition
	Synonyms >>		
	The poor old woman seems to suffer one malady after another.		
10.	malevolence	muh LEV uh lens	ill will or evil intentions
	Synonyms >>	malice, malignity, spite, spleen	
	The old man's malevolence was obvious when he removed the girl from his will.		
	Derivatives >>	malevolent, malevolently	

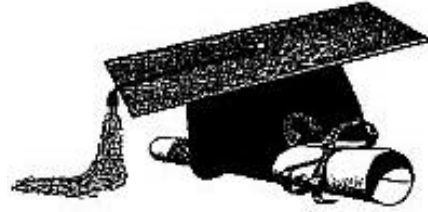
11.	malicious	muh LISH us	motivated by hate or deliberate intent to harm
	Synonyms >>		
	The malicious boy burned down the school.		
	Derivatives >>	maliciousness, malice, maliciously, malicious	
12.	potent	POTE unt	powerful, having a strong effect
	Synonyms >>		
	They gave me a potent pain killer to stop the throbbing sensation in my leg.		
	Derivatives >>	potence, potency	
13.	prologue	PRO log	introductory remarks in a speech, play or literary work, introductory
	Synonyms >>		
	The play had a prologue that set the scene for the opening act.		
	Derivatives >>	prologist, prologize	
14.	purveyors	pur VAY ur	one who provides or procures
	Synonyms >>		
	The purveyors were able to get all sorts of things for their Army division.		
	Derivatives >>	purveyance, purveyor	
15.	scrupulous	SKROO pyuh lus	very principled, very careful and conscientious
	Synonyms >>	meticulous, punctilious	
	The scrupulous police officer never took a bribe, and he ceaselessly tried to prevent crime.		
	Derivatives >>	scruple, scrupulosity, scrupulousness, scrupulously	
16.	sentinel	SEN tuh nul	one who keeps guard as a sentry
	Synonyms >>		
	The oak trees hovered over the house as sentinels.		
	Derivatives >>	sentineled, sentineling, sentinels	
17.	sieve	SIV	a utensil for sifting or straining
	Synonyms >>		
	The manager complained that his second baseman fielded ground balls like a sieve.		
	Derivatives >>	sieving	
18.	spurn	SPURN	to reject or to refuse with hostility
	Synonyms >>		
	The woman had always viewed the man with disdain and would spurn his attempts at friendship forever.		
	Derivatives >>	spurner, spurned, spurning	
19.	usurp	yoo SURP	to take possession or authority over something without right
	Synonyms >>		
	The younger son tried to usurp the throne from the rightful heir.		
	Derivatives >>	usurpation, usurpative, usurpatory, usurpature	
20.	utter	UT ur	to express by speaking
	Synonyms >>		
	The teacher told me not to utter another word.		
	Derivatives >>	utters, uttered, uttering, utterance	



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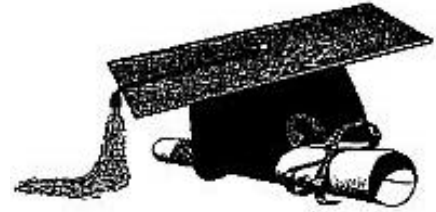


1.	augment	awg MENT	to make greater or to supplement
	Synonyms >>		
	We must try to augment our savings this year.		
	Derivatives >>	augmentable, augments, augmentation, augmentative, augmented	
2.	beguile	buh GUYL	to deceive, to mislead, to persuade with charm
	Synonyms >>	delude	
	We sometimes allow ourselves to be beguiled by flatterers.		
	Derivatives >>	beguiled, beguiling, beguilement, beguiler	
3.	cacophonous	kuh KAH fuh nus	harsh sounding, having dissonance
	Synonyms >>		
	An orchestra is cacophonous when it is tuning up.		
	Derivatives >>	cacophony	
4.	commensurate	kuh MEN sur it	equal
	Synonyms >>		
	I hope that I get a reward that is commensurate with what I have found.		
	Derivatives >>	commensurately, commensuration, commensurable, commensurability, commensurably	
5.	expeditious	ek speh DISH us	done with speed and efficiency
	Synonyms >>		
	You need to be expeditious in solving this matter.		
	Derivatives >>	expedite, expediter, expedition, expeditionary, expeditioner, expeditiously, expeditiousness, expeditive	
6.	fret	FRET	to worry or be annoyed
	Synonyms >>		
	You should not fret over things that you cannot control		
	Derivatives >>	fretted, fretting, frets, fretful, fretfully, fretfulness	
7.	harbingers	HAR bin jers	things that precede and forecast
	Synonyms >>	forerunners, heralds, precursors	
	Thick fur on a woolly worm is a harbinger of a cold winter.		
	Derivatives >>	harbinger	
8.	oblivion	uh BLIV ee un	state of being forgotten
	Synonyms >>		
	Until the singer's recent hit, his career had fallen into a state of oblivion.		
	Derivatives >>	oblivious, obliviously	
9.	posterity	pah STER uh tee	future generations, all descendants of a person
	Synonyms >>		
	They wanted to write a declaration of independence that would last for all posterity.		
	Derivatives >>	posterities	
10.	prate	PRATE	to talk idly or foolishly at great length
	Synonyms >>		
	We want a speaker who will talk of important issues, not one who will prate about himself.		
	Derivatives >>	prater, prated, prating	

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1.	complacency	kum PLAY sun see	the state of being self-satisfied
	Synonyms >>		
	Considering that he is failing, it is curious to see his sense of complacency.		
	Derivatives >>	complacent, complacently, complacence, complaisant, complaisance, complaisantly	
2.	desiccate	DES uh kate	to dry up
	Synonyms >>		
	When traveling, desiccated milk or soup is easy to carry.		
	Derivatives >>	desiccated, desiccation, desiccative, desiccator, desiccatory	
3.	diminution	dim uh NOO shun	diminishment, reduction
	Synonyms >>		
	The diminution of nuclear weapons is a goal of arms control.		
	Derivatives >>	diminutive, diminutival, diminutively, diminutiveness	
4.	elicit	eh LIS it	to bring out a response, to evoke
	Synonyms >>	educe, extort, extract	
	I would like to elicit your participation in the blood drive.		
	Derivatives >>	elicitable, elicitate, elicitation	
5.	incessant	in SES unt	uninterrupted
	Synonyms >>	constant, perennial, perpetual, unremitting	
	The dog's incessant barking caused the man to have difficulty falling asleep.		
	Derivatives >>	incessancy, incessantly, incessantness, incession	
6.	jollity	JOL eh tee	merriment, state of being jolly
	Synonyms >>	glee, hilarity, mirth	
	There was much good feeling and jollity at the Christmas party.		
	Derivatives >>	jollier, jollification, jollify, jollily, jolliness, jolly	
7.	kindle	KIN dul	to start a fire, to stir up
	Synonyms >>		
	The boys were taught to kindle a fire.		
	Derivatives >>	kindled, kindling, kindles	
8.	parsimony	PAR suh moe nee	stinginess, frugality; excessive economy
	Synonyms >>		
	His family suffered from his parsimony as he refused to spend adequate money even on the necessities of life.		
	Derivatives >>	parsimonious, parsimoniousness, parsimoniously	
9.	penury	PEN yuh ree	extreme poverty
	Synonyms >>	destitution, impecuniousness, indigence, want	
	There is much penury in central Africa.		
	Derivatives >>	penurious, penuriously, penuriousness	
10.	perspicacious	pur spu KAY shus	having clear insight, shrewd, very perceptive
	Synonyms >>	astute, sagacious	
	The perspicacious detective was able to determine the perpetrator of the crime.		
	Derivatives >>	perspicaciously, perspicaciousness, perspicacity	

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1.	abstemious	ab STEM ee us	sparing (usually in eating or drinking); temperate
	Synonyms >>		
	A person who is abstemious in his alcohol intake might not be welcome by that wild fraternity.		
	Derivatives >>	abstemiously, abstemiousness, abstention, abstentious	
2.	admonish	ad MAH nish	to caution, to advise, or to counsel against something
	Synonyms >>	warn, rebuke, censure, notify, jog, apprise, reprove, scold	
	The teacher admonished him about excessively loud noise.		
	Derivatives >>	admonisher, admonishingly, admonishment, admonition, admonished	
3.	incessant	in SES unt	uninterrupted
	Synonyms >>	constant, perennial, perpetual, unremitting	
	The dog's incessant barking caused the man to have difficulty falling asleep.		
	Derivatives >>	incessancy, incessantly, incessantness, incession	
4.	kindle	KIN dul	to start a fire, to stir up
	Synonyms >>		
	The boys were taught to kindle a fire.		
	Derivatives >>	kindled, kindling, kindles	
5.	pliable	PLY uh bul	easily manipulated or able to be bent freely without breaking
	Synonyms >>	pliant, ductile, malleable	
	The diplomat's instructions from his country left him no room to be pliable. He could make no compromises.		
	Derivatives >>	pliability, pliableness, pliantly, pliant, pliancy, pliantness, pliantly	
6.	rue	ROO	to be sorry for, to regret
	Synonyms >>		
	He will rue the day that he tangles with me.		
	Derivatives >>	rueful, ruefully, ruefulness, rues	
7.	sluggard	SLUG urd	a person who is lazy
	Synonyms >>		
	Let's fire him. Not only is he slovenly, but he is also a sluggard.		
	Derivatives >>	sluggardly, sluggardness	
8.	stealthy	STEL the	acting in a secret and sneaky way--this is a negative term
	Synonyms >>	clandestine, covert, furtive, surreptitious, underhanded	
	The secret organization moves by stealth to gather information on its enemies.		
	Derivatives >>	stealthyful, stealthfully, stealthily, stealthiness, stealth	
9.	succinct	suk SINGKT	brief, compact
	Synonyms >>	compendious, concise, laconic, pithy, summary, terse	
	Because her comments were succinct and to the point the ceremony was brief.		
	Derivatives >>	succinctly, succinctness	
10.	voluminous	vuh LOO muh nus	marked by great volume or size
	Synonyms >>		
	There are voluminous writings about most of our presidents.		
	Derivatives >>	voluminosity, voluminosly, voluminosness	

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1.	amity	AM uh tee	friendship
	Synonyms >>		
	That small town is well-known for its amity; the town has very friendly people.		
	Derivatives >>	amities	
2.	bastion	BASS chun	a fortification, a stronghold
	Synonyms >>		
	The enemy could not get past the bastion of the fort and therefore lost the battle.		
	Derivatives >>	bastioned	
3.	callous	KAL us	hardened; insensitive, indifferent, unsympathetic
	Synonyms >>	hard, inured, insensible, obtuse	
	He became callous after many years in the war.		
	Derivatives >>	callously, callousness	
4.	clemency	KLEM un see	leniency
	Synonyms >>		
	Governors are usually allowed to grant clemency to deserving prisoners.		
	Derivatives >>	clemencies, clement, clemently	
5.	debunk	deh BUNGK	to expose the falseness or hypocrisy of something
	Synonyms >>		
	The charlatan was quickly debunked by the perceptive doctor.		
	Derivatives >>	debunker, debunkers, debunked, debunking	
6.	diffuse	deh FYOOZ	to spread in all directions
	Synonyms >>		
	The rioting crowd was diffused by tear gas and water hoses.		
	Derivatives >>	diffusedness, diffusedly, diffusely, diffuseness, diffuser, diffusibility, diffusion, diffusible	
7.	dupe	DOOP, DYOOZ	to trick, to fool, to deceive, or to cheat; to bilk
	Synonyms >>		
	He was duped into investing his life savings into a bankrupt company.		
	Derivatives >>	duped, duping, dupery	
8.	exorcise	EK sor size	to expel an evil spirit, to get rid of something troublesome
	Synonyms >>		
	I am going to try to exorcise all negative thoughts from my mind.		
	Derivatives >>	exorcisation, exorcise, exorcism, exorcismal, exorcisory, exorcist, exorcistate, exorcistical	
9.	finesse	feh NESS	delicate skill
	Synonyms >>		
	A successful diplomat must have finesse when dealing with representatives of other countries.		
	Derivatives >>	finessed, finessing	
10.	humility	hyoo MIL eh tee	the quality or state of being humble in spirit
	Synonyms >>		
	The humility of the man was astounding; he gave no sign of having excessive pride or arrogance.		
	Derivatives >>	humilities, humble, humbly	

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1.	accord	uh KORD	agreement, state of harmony
	Synonyms >>		
	We are in accord concerning the method of handling this problem.		
	Derivatives >>	accordable, accorder, accordance, accordant	
2.	annulment	uh NUL munt	a voiding, invalidation
	Synonyms >>	abrogation, invalidation, negation, nullification, extirpation	
	The two parties sought an annulment to the contract that bound them together.		
	Derivatives >>	annul, annulled, annulling, annulable	
3.	imperious	im PEER ee us	extremely overbearing
	Synonyms >>	domineering, imperative, masterful, preemptory	
	The imperious behavior of the dictator led to his overthrow.		
	Derivatives >>	imperiously, imperiousness	
4.	larceny	LAR suh nee	the act of stealing another's property
	Synonyms >>	theft	
	After being convicted of larceny, the man offered to return the stolen items for a shorter prison term.		
	Derivatives >>	larcener, larcenist, larcenous, larcenously, larcenies	
5.	mirth	MURTH	gladness and merriment usually accompanied by laughter
	Synonyms >>	glee, hilarity, jollity	
	The party was a source of mirth and gaiety.		
	Derivatives >>	mirthful, mirthfully, mirthfulness, mirthless, mirthlessly, mirthlessness	
6.	mollify	MOL eh fie	to soothe or to appease, to assuage
	Synonyms >>	conciliate, pacify, placate, propitiate	
	The woman promised to buy candy in order to mollify her screaming child.		
	Derivatives >>	mollification, mollifyingly, mollifier, mollifiable	
7.	neologism	nee OL uh jiz um	a newly coined word or phrase; new use of a word (often disapproved of)
	Synonyms >>		
	The student received a low grade because of the neologism in his paper.		
	Derivatives >>	neology, neological, neologian, neologist, neologistic, neologize	
8.	orthodox	OR thuh doks	conforming to established standards, conventional
	Synonyms >>		
	The church is founded upon a set of orthodox views.		
	Derivatives >>	orthodoxness, orthodoxical, orthodoxically, orthodoxism, orthodoxly, orthodoxy	
9.	plight	PLITE	difficult or adverse situation
	Synonyms >>		
	My plight is that I do not have enough money to pay my bills.		
	Derivatives >>	plights, plighted, plighting	
10.	repertoire	REP ur twar	a list of works of music or readings that are ready for performance
	Synonyms >>		
	The orchestra has added some selections of Mozart to its repertoire.		
	Derivatives >>	repertorial, repertorium, repertory	

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1.	arduous	AR jew us	very difficult to accomplish or to achieve, very demanding (task)
	Synonyms >>		
	Training to be a gymnast is an arduous activity.		
	Derivatives >>	arduously, arduousness	
2.	astute	uh STOOT	shrewd, perspicacious, perceptive
	Synonyms >>	sagacious	
	One must be astute to do a geometry proof.		
	Derivatives >>	astutely, astuteness	
3.	carping	KAR ping	finding fault
	Synonyms >>	captious, censorious, critical	
	My mother is always carping at me.		
	Derivatives >>	carp, carper, carpingly, carped	
4.	covert	KUV urt, KO vurt	secret, concealed
	Synonyms >>	clandestine, furtive, stealthy, surreptitious, underhanded	
	The spy was engaged in many covert activities; it was his job to keep them secret.		
	Derivatives >>	covertly, covertness	
5.	desecrate	DES uh krate	to violate the sanctity of something, to profane, to adulterate
	Synonyms >>		
	The hoodlums desecrated the cemetery by painting on the tombstones.		
	Derivatives >>	desecrater, desecration	
6.	rupture	RUP chur	to break apart, to burst
	Synonyms >>		
	The rupture of the appendix is a life-threatening situation.		
	Derivatives >>	ruptured, rupturing	
7.	solicitous	suh LIS eh tus	worried, concerned
	Synonyms >>		
	He was very solicitous about the health of his ill grandmother.		
	Derivatives >>	solicitously, solicitousness, solicitude	
8.	stolid	STOL id	showing little emotion
	Synonyms >>	apathetic, phlegmatic, stoic	
	He always has a stolid appearance at the poker table.		
	Derivatives >>	stolidly, stolidity	
9.	tempestuous	tem PES choo us	turbulent, stormy
	Synonyms >>		
	The mayoral candidates had a tempestuous debate in which they exchanged many personal accusations.		
	Derivatives >>	tempestuously, tempestuousness, tempest	
10.	untenable	un TEN uh bul	not able to be defended
	Synonyms >>		
	Taking a bribe is an untenable act for a politician.		
	Derivatives >>	untenability, untenableness	

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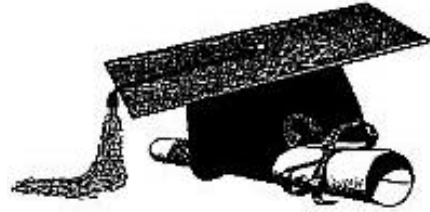


1.	dilatory	DIL uh tor ee	delaying, slow
	Synonyms >>		
	The Senator is employing the filibuster as a dilatory tactic.		
	Derivatives >>	dilatoriness, dilatorily	
2.	esteem	eh STEEM	estimate of value; approval and respect often blended with fondness
	Synonyms >>	regard, valuation, reputation	
	The people held their leader in the highest esteem.		
	Derivatives >>	esteemed, esteeming, esteems, esteemable	
3.	expatriate	eks PAY tree ate	an exile
	Synonyms >>		
	I am now living in the United States, but I am an expatriate of Russia.		
	Derivatives >>	expatriation, expatriated, expatriating	
4.	fortuitous	fore TOO eh tus	something that happens by accident or chance (usually good)
	Synonyms >>		
	Being picked first in the lottery is a fortuitous experience.		
	Derivatives >>	fortuitously, fortuitousness, fortuity	
5.	guileless	GILE les	without deceit
	Synonyms >>		
	The voting public looks for a leader who is guileless; they want one who is full of integrity.		
	Derivatives >>	guileful, guilefulness, guileness, guilelessly, guilelessness, guilery	
6.	hackneyed	HAK need	trite, banal, lacking freshness
	Synonyms >>	threadbare	
	The teacher instructed her students to avoid hackneyed phrases and instead to use something fresh and new.		
	Derivatives >>		
7.	illustrious	eh LUS tree us	notably outstanding, famous
	Synonyms >>	celebrated, distinguished, eminent, noted, renowned	
	I was impressed by the illustrious personage at the ball.		
	Derivatives >>	illustriously, illustriousness	
8.	insatiable	in SAY shuh bul	incapable of being satisfied
	Synonyms >>		
	She became quite fat because of her insatiable desire for chocolate.		
	Derivatives >>	insatiability, insatiableness, insatiably, insatiate, insatiated, insatiately, insatiateness, insatiety	
9.	loquacious	low KWAY shus	very talkative
	Synonyms >>	garrulous, voluble	
	The twins are quite different: one is taciturn and the other is loquacious.		
	Derivatives >>	loquaciousness, loquaciously, loquacity	
10.	neurotic	noo ROT ik	an emotionally unstable person; emotionally unstable
	Synonyms >>		
	My mother is so neurotic that she is difficult to be around.		
	Derivatives >>	neurotically, neuroticism, neurotogenic	

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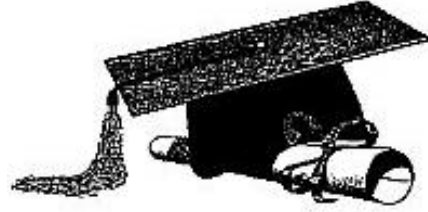


1.	adjunct	AD junkt	something joined or added to a thing but not necessarily a part of it
	Synonyms >>		
	An adjunct professor is one who is associated with a college faculty only in a temporary or auxiliary manner.		
	Derivatives >>	adjunctive, adjunctively	
2.	anomalous	uh NAHM uh lus	out of place, abnormal
	Synonyms >>		
	Seeing a Toyota in the background of that World War II movie was anomalous.		
	Derivatives >>	anomalously, anomalousness, anomaly, anomalies	
3.	parch	PARCH	to become dry from heat, to shrivel from heat
	Synonyms >>		
	The fruit was parched from staying in the sun so long.		
	Derivatives >>	parched, parchedly, parchedness, parches, parching	
4.	porous	PORE us	something that permits the passage of substances through pores
	Synonyms >>		
	The porous material did not keep the rain off of us.		
	Derivatives >>	porosity, porose, porosis, porotic	
5.	rancid	RAN sid	having a foul or offensive smell or taste
	Synonyms >>	fetid, fusty, malodorous, musty, noisome, putrid, rank	
	A rancid odor came from the garbage pail.		
	Derivatives >>	rancidly, rancidness, rancidification, rancidify, rancidity	
6.	reconcile	REK un sile	to reestablish friendship, to resolve a dispute
	Synonyms >>		
	The family will never be the same until Mom and Grandma reconcile their differences.		
	Derivatives >>	reconcilability, reconcilable, reconcilableness, reconcilably, reconcilence, reconciliation, reconcile	
7.	saccharine	SAK uh rin	overly sweet attitude
	Synonyms >>		
	Her saccharine attitude disgusted me, but it seemed to win her many friends.		
	Derivatives >>	saccharinity	
8.	sonorous	suh NOR us, SAN uh	resonant, producing a full and rich sound
	Synonyms >>		
	Orson Wells was known for his sonorous voice.		
	Derivatives >>	sonorant, sonoriferous, sonoriferously, sonority, sonorization, sonorously, sonorousness	
9.	tentative	TEN tuh tiv	not fully worked out, provisional, uncertain
	Synonyms >>		
	We have a tentative arms -control agreement, but we hope to have a signed agreement by the end of the year.		
	Derivatives >>	tentatively, tentativeness	
10.	utility	yoo TIL eh tee	usefulness
	Synonyms >>		
	A hammer has much utility to a carpenter.		
	Derivatives >>	utilize, utilizer, utilization	

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1.	belligerent	buh LIJ er unt	waging war; inclined to or exhibiting assertiveness
	Synonyms >>	bellicose, pugnacious, combative, contentious, quarrelsome	
	A belligerent nation always seems to be at war.		
2.	censure	SEN shur	to blame or to condemn
	Synonyms >>	denounce, reprehend, reprobate (verb)	
	The congressman was censured for taking a bribe.		
3.	compliance	kum PLY uns	a yielding; acquiescence
	Synonyms >>		
	We intend to be in full compliance with the court order.		
4.	defile	deh FILE	to make dirty, to desecrate, to pollute
	Synonyms >>	contaminate, taint	
	The gang defiled the school with obscene graffiti.		
5.	diligent	DIL eh junt	characterized by steady, attentive and energetic effort in a pursuit or study
	Synonyms >>	industrious, assiduous, sedulous	
	The students in the special course were studious and diligent.		
6.	expedient	ik SPEE dee unt	appropriate for a purpose but not necessarily moral, right, or just.
	Synonyms >>		
	In trying to increase political support, the candidate found it expedient to change his stand on taxation.		
7.	flout	FLOUT	to treat with contempt
	Synonyms >>	scoff, jeer, gibe, sneer, mock, insult	
	When the boy answered the question he flouted a response that was both rude and insulting.		
8.	galling	GAUL ing	very irritating
	Synonyms >>		
	It was a galling experience to have my boyfriend ask another girl to the prom.		
9.	heralded	HER ul did	announced or publicized
	Synonyms >>		
	The approaching event was heralded by the newspapers.		
10.	incantation	in kan TAY shun	a spell, written or recited formula of words designed for a particular effect
	Synonyms >>		
	The purpose of the witch doctor's incantations was to scare evil spirits.		
	Derivatives >>	incant, incantational, incantatory	

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1.	affluent	uh FLU unt	abounding in wealth; prosperous; flowing freely
	Synonyms >>	rich, teeming	
	Because the man was so affluent, he was able to donate large sums of money to the organization.		
	Derivatives >>	affluence, affluently	
2.	antiquity	an TIK wuh tee	the quality of being ancient; ancient times
	Synonyms >>		
	Many scholars spend years studying the records left from antiquity.		
	Derivatives >>	antiquities, antiquarian	
3.	indigenous	in DIJ eh nus	native to a certain area
	Synonyms >>	aboriginal, endemic, native	
	Many types of cacti are indigenous to the southwest deserts of the United States.		
	Derivatives >>	indigenously, indigenize, indigenization	
4.	luscious	LUSH us	very pleasant to the taste
	Synonyms >>		
	The meal was absolutely luscious.		
	Derivatives >>	lusciously, lusciousness	
5.	nomadic	no MAD ik	characterized by moving about from place to place as nomads
	Synonyms >>	transient	
	The nomadic people traveled across the continent.		
	Derivatives >>	nomad, nomadism, nomadically, nomadize	
6.	parry	PAIR ee	to deflect or to ward off a blow
	Synonyms >>		
	The champion boxer won the match because he was able to parry his opponent's blows so successfully.		
	Derivatives >>	parried, parrying	
7.	precipitate	preh SIP eh tate	to cause to speedily occur, to throw headlong
	Synonyms >>		
	Coming home late at my house will always precipitate a fight.		
	Derivatives >>	precipitation, precipitancy, precipitately, precipitator, precipitous	
8.	pungent	PUN junt	sharp or irritating to the taste or smell, acrid
	Synonyms >>	piquant, poignant, racy	
	There was a pungent odor in the stockyard.		
	Derivatives >>	pungence, pungency, pungently	
9.	ratify	RAT eh fie	to give formal approval
	Synonyms >>		
	In the United States, a treaty must be ratified by two-thirds of the Senate in order to take effect.		
	Derivatives >>	ratification, ratificationist, ratifier	
10.	sagacious	suh GAY shus	wise, shrewd, very discerning
	Synonyms >>	astute, perspicacious	
	The sagacious freshman knew not to buy an elevator pass from the senior attempting a clever ruse.		
	Derivatives >>	sagaciate, sagaciously, sagaciousness, sagacity	

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1.	blandishment	BLAN dish munt	flattery
	Synonyms >>		
	Due to the salesman's blandishments, the customer bought the jacket.		
	Derivatives >>	blandish, blandisher, blandished	
2.	chasten	CHAY sun	to discipline, to use punishment to correct behavior
	Synonyms >>	admonish, castigate, chastise, chide, rebuke, reproach	
	I was chastened by my mother for not cleaning up my room.		
	Derivatives >>	chastened, chastening, chastener	
3.	civility	suh VIL uh tee	polite and courteous behavior
	Synonyms >>	mannerly behavior	
	Diplomats are expected to display a great deal of civility in their interactions with one another.		
	Derivatives >>	civil, civilities, civilize, civilizatory, civilizedness	
4.	congenial	kun JEEN yul	characterized by friendly sociability
	Synonyms >>	compatible, consonant, genial, pleasant, attractive	
	The family decided to settle in the congenial little town.		
	Derivatives >>	congeniality, congenially, congenialness	
5.	deft	DEFT	skillful, adroit
	Synonyms >>	clever, cunning, dexterous, ingenious	
	He was very deft in handling the questions from the reporter.		
	Derivatives >>	deftness, deftly	
6.	slovenly	SLUV un lee	messy, untidy, careless
	Synonyms >>		
	A person with slovenly work habits will likely lose his job.		
	Derivatives >>	slovenry, slovenness, slovenliness	
7.	spiteful	SPITE ful	full of spite or malice; malicious; malevolent
	Synonyms >>	vengeful, cruel, rancorous	
	She is a spiteful child, always seeking revenge for any injury.		
	Derivatives >>	spitefully, spitefulness	
8.	tangential	tan JEN shul	slightly connected, divergent
	Synonyms >>		
	Since we are short of time, tangential remarks are not appreciated.		
	Derivatives >>	tangent, tangentially, tangently	
9.	taper	TAY pur	to decrease in thickness or width
	Synonyms >>		
	The intensity of the pain will taper off as time goes on. Some shirts are tapered at the bottom.		
	Derivatives >>	tapered, tapering	
10.	vagrant	VAY grunt	a wanderer who does not have a home
	Synonyms >>		
	There are many vagrants who sleep under freeways in urban areas.		
	Derivatives >>	vagrance, vagrancy, vagrantly	

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1.	dispatch	deh SPATCH	to send away with promptness or speed; speed, quickness
	Synonyms >>	haste, expediency	
	The officer dispatched his troops to the scene of conflict.		
	Derivatives >>	dispatched, dispatching, dispatches	
2.	embroil	em BROIL	to entangle, to throw into confusion or strife
	Synonyms >>		
	The senators are embroiled in an argument over raising taxes.		
	Derivatives >>	embroiled, embroiling, embroiler, embroilment, embroils	
3.	expurgate	EK spur gate	to remove obscene or objectionable material usually before publication
	Synonyms >>		
	The censors felt that certain words needed to be expurgated from the book.		
	Derivatives >>	expurgation, expurgator, expurgatorial, expurgatory	
4.	garner	GAR nur	to gather together, to store up
	Synonyms >>		
	I will need to garner all of my allies in order to win this vote.		
	Derivatives >>	garnering, garnered	
5.	heretical	huh RET eh kul	contrary to church doctrine or accepted beliefs or standards
	Synonyms >>		
	His heretical statements were offensive to many believers.		
	Derivatives >>	heretic, heretically, hereticalness, hereticate, heretication, hereticator	
6.	iconoclast	eye KON uh klast	one who attacks established beliefs or institutions
	Synonyms >>		
	The church is constantly under attack by iconoclasts.		
	Derivatives >>	iconoclasm, iconoclastic, iconoclastically	
7.	irreproachable	ear eh PRO chuh bul	faultless, not discreditable
	Synonyms >>		
	The woman's morals are so high that she is irreproachable.		
	Derivatives >>	irreproachability, irreproachableness, irreproachably	
8.	mercurial	mur KYOOR ee ul	changing unpredictably, fickle
	Synonyms >>	capricious, inconstant, unstable	
	Due to his mercurial temperament, employees always approached him carefully, unsure of what his mood would be.		
	Derivatives >>	mercuriality, mercurially	
9.	nuance	NOO awns	a subtle distinction or difference
	Synonyms >>		
	The nuance of flavor cannot be described adequately.		
	Derivatives >>	nuances, nuanced, nuancing	
10.	pious	PIE us	marked by showing zealous devotion to the rites of religion
	Synonyms >>		
	He engages in many pious practices such as attending mass.		
	Derivatives >>	devout	

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1.	archipelago	are kuh PEL uh go	a group of islands
	Synonyms >>		
	The sailors were excited when they reached the archipelago.		
	Derivatives >>	archipelagic	
2.	boon	BOON	favorable; a blessing, a benefit
	Synonyms >>		
	Hiring that young man was a boon for our company.		
	Derivatives >>	boons, boonless	
3.	buffoon	buh FOON	a clown, a silly or stupid person
	Synonyms >>		
	Only a buffoon would stand on the table during the Christmas dinner.		
	Derivatives >>	buffoonery, buffoonish	
4.	chicanery	sheh KAY nuh ree	unethical methods, trickery
	Synonyms >>		
	The lawyer used chicanery to get the witness off guard in his testimony.		
	Derivatives >>	chicaner, chicane, chicaned, chicaning, chicaneries	
5.	raucous	RAH kus	loud and boisterous, harsh, disorderly
	Synonyms >>	stentorian, strident	
	The raucous crowd at the fight threw chairs into the ring to show disagreement with the decision.		
	Derivatives >>	raucously, raucousness, raucid, raucity	
6.	repugnant	reh PUG nunt	disgusting, offensive
	Synonyms >>	abhorrent, invidious, obnoxious, repellent	
	It is repugnant to spit on the sidewalk.		
	Derivatives >>	repugnancy, repugnantly, repugnatorial, repugnance	
7.	satiric	suh TER ik	characterized by satire (a branch of literature ridiculing vice or folly)
	Synonyms >>	sarcastic, sardonic, ironic	
	The political cartoonist was known for his satiric drawings.		
	Derivatives >>	satire, satirical, satirically, satirism, satirist, satirize, satirizer	
8.	sporadic	spo RAD ik	occasionally occurring
	Synonyms >>	infrequent, rare, scarce, uncommon	
	While there are sporadic showers, the summers in the western part of Texas are usually hot and dry.		
	Derivatives >>	sporadically, sporadicity	
9.	terrestrial	teh RES tree ul	of the earth or pertaining to the earth
	Synonyms >>		
	Humans are terrestrial beings.		
	Derivatives >>	terrestrially, terrain	
10.	ungainly	un GANE lee	awkward
	Synonyms >>		
	Boys who grow very fast are sometimes ungainly.		
	Derivatives >>	ungainliness	

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1.	alloy	AL oh ee	a substance that is a mixture of metals
	Synonyms >>		
	This alloy is less expensive than pure gold since it is composed of a mixture of metals.		
	Derivatives >>	alloyed, alloying, alloyage	
2.	altercation	al ter KAY shun	a heated or angry dispute; noisy argument or controversy
	Synonyms >>	quarrel, contention	
	We were not surprised at the altercation of the two enemies; they often fought in public.		
	Derivatives >>	altercate, altercated, altercating	
3.	corrugated	KOR uh gay ted	bent into folds
	Synonyms >>		
	A corrugated box absorbs shock and helps to protect its contents.		
	Derivatives >>	corrugate, corrugating	
4.	deleterious	del eh TEER ee us	harmful; dangerous; injurious
	Synonyms >>	baneful, detrimental, noxious, pernicious	
	Some chemicals have deleterious effects on those who must handle them.		
	Derivatives >>	deleterly, deleteriously, deleteriousness	
5.	emend	eh MEND	to correct (usually by a critic)
	Synonyms >>		
	The newspaper had to emend the incorrect statement printed in the paper.		
	Derivatives >>	emendable, emendate, emendation, emendator, emendatory, emends, emending, emended	
6.	fetter	FET ur	to restrict by shackling or chaining
	Synonyms >>		
	The convict was fettered to prevent his escape.		
	Derivatives >>	fettered, fettering	
7.	heterogeneity	het uh ro je NEE eh tee	state of being dissimilar, composition from unlike elements
	Synonyms >>	disparateness, dissimilarity	
	Coming from many countries and cultures, students in my class are an example of heterogeneity.		
	Derivatives >>	heterogeneous, heterogenesis, heterogeneously, heterogeneity	
8.	peruse	puh ROOZ	to read or to examine
	Synonyms >>		
	My lawyer says he has not had time to peruse the contract.		
	Derivatives >>	perusal, perusable, perused, perusing	
9.	prodigy	PROD eh jee	one with exceptional talents or powers; an extraordinary accomplishment
	Synonyms >>		
	Mozart was considered a child prodigy since he had great musical talents at a very early age.		
	Derivatives >>	prodigies	
10.	rebuff	reh BUFF	to snub or to refuse bluntly
	Synonyms >>		
	The woman was not afraid to rebuff the man's inappropriate advances toward her.		
	Derivatives >>	rebuffed, rebuffing, rebuffs	

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1.	blighted	BLIE ted	destroyed or caused by decline or decay
	Synonyms >>		
	The blighted fruit had to be separated from the rest.		
	Derivatives >>	blight	
2.	charismatic	care iz MAT ic	having special qualities or powers that are used for healing or prophecy
	Synonyms >>		
	Many charismatic religions believe in faith healing.		
	Derivatives >>	charisma, charism	
3.	chary	SHAR ee	careful, cautious
	Synonyms >>	circumspect, wary	
	He is chary when he meets a new person.		
	Derivatives >>	charier, chariest	
4.	convoke	kun VOKE	to summon or to call together
	Synonyms >>	convene, muster	
	The meeting of the board was convoked to discuss the chairman's resignation.		
	Derivatives >>	convocation, convoke, convoker	
5.	despicable	des PIK uh bul	very bad, contemptible
	Synonyms >>	pitiable, scurvy	
	Acting like a bully is despicable.		
	Derivatives >>	despicability, despicableness, despicably	
6.	embed	em BED	to enclose firmly in some mass
	Synonyms >>		
	The fossil has been embedded in the rock for millions of years.		
	Derivatives >>	embedment	
7.	embolden	em BOL dun	to encourage one to be bold or to have courage
	Synonyms >>		
	The general tried to embolden his men before battle.		
	Derivatives >>	emboldened, emboldening, emboldens	
8.	florid	FLOR id	flowery, flushed with color
	Synonyms >>		
	His face becomes florid when he gets angry.		
	Derivatives >>	floridity, floridly, floridness	
9.	hiatus	high ATE us	gap, pause, interruption in time
	Synonyms >>		
	Our vacation will be a short hiatus from our work.		
	Derivatives >>	hiatuses	
10.	incurious	in KYOOR ee us	uninterested, lacking normal curiosity
	Synonyms >>		
	I was surprised at his incurious reaction when I told him that the prom queen was interested in him.		
	Derivatives >>	incuriosity, incuriously, incuriousness	

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1.	amenity	uh MEN uh tee	agreeable ways or manners; the quality of being agreeable or pleasant
	Synonyms >>	courtesies, civilities	
	The woman was adored for her social amenities.		
	Derivatives >>	amenities	
2.	anathema	uh NATH uh muh	a vigorous denunciation; one who is intensely disliked
	Synonyms >>	imprecation, curse	
	The rebellious boy continued in his wayward actions despite the anathema pronounced by his father.		
	Derivatives >>	anathemas, anathematic, anathematical, anathematically, anathemation, anathematize, anathemize	
3.	insubordination	in suh bor duh NAY	disobedience to authority
	Synonyms >>		
	The student was reprimanded for his insubordination to the teacher.		
	Derivatives >>	insubordinate, insubordinately	
4.	lassitude	LAS eh tood	feeling of weariness; fatigue
	Synonyms >>	languor, lethargy, stupor, torpor	
	The hot weather in some parts of Mexico probably created the lassitude that led to the siesta.		
	Derivatives >>	lassitudes	
5.	montage	mon TAZH	any combination of disparate elements that form a unified, single image
	Synonyms >>		
	His memory was a montage of varied experiences.		
	Derivatives >>		
6.	officious	uh FISH us	overly dutiful or obliging, insisting on providing a service not requested
	Synonyms >>	impertinent, intrusive, meddlesome, obtrusive	
	The boss is not pleased with that employee's officious conduct.		
	Derivatives >>	officiously, officiousness	
7.	premature	pree muh TOOR	occurring or existing earlier than what is normal
	Synonyms >>		
	Premature children need special care because their vital systems are not fully developed.		
	Derivatives >>	prematurely, prematureness, prematurity	
8.	presumptuous	preh ZUMP choo us	brazenly overstepping bounds, arrogant
	Synonyms >>		
	It was presumptuous of him to think that I would loan him the money.		
	Derivatives >>	presume, presumer, presumption, presumptive, presumptively, presumptuously, presumptuousness	
9.	relegate	REL uh gate	to assign to an inferior position
	Synonyms >>		
	The veteran ball player knew it was time to retire when he was relegated to sitting on the bench.		
	Derivatives >>	relegation, relegable, relegates, relegated, relegating	
10.	rescind	reh SEND	to cancel
	Synonyms >>		
	He said that he will have to rescind his offer if he does not hear from us by Tuesday.		
	Derivatives >>	rescindable, rescinder, rescindment	

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1.	atypical	a TIP uh kul	unusual or abnormal; odd
	Synonyms >>		
	Screaming at the referee is atypical for that normally calm coach.		
	Derivatives >>	atypic, atypically	
2.	balky	BALL kee	refusing to proceed in an expected direction
	Synonyms >>	contrary, perverse, restive, wayward	
	When he refused to move he acted just like a balky mule.		
	Derivatives >>	balkily, balkiness, balkingly	
3.	bourgeois	BOOR zhwah	a person with the traits or viewpoints of the bourgeoisie
	Synonyms >>	middle class, mediocre	
	Your outdated ideas are so bourgeois.		
	Derivatives >>	bourgeoisie	
4.	germinate	JUR muh nate	to sprout, to begin to grow, to evolve
	Synonyms >>		
	It takes about two weeks for some plants to germinate.		
	Derivatives >>	germinal, germinability, germinable, germinally	
5.	lachrymose	LAK ruh mose	tearful
	Synonyms >>		
	She was very lachrymose at the funeral of her father.		
	Derivatives >>	lachrymable, lachrymal, lachrymation, lachrymator, lachrymatory, lachrymosely, lachrymosity	
6.	saturate	SACH uh rate	to soak, to completely fill
	Synonyms >>		
	Floods sometimes occur when the ground becomes saturated from a heavy rain and can absorb no more water.		
	Derivatives >>	saturation, saturated, saturating	
7.	sterile	STER ul	incapable of reproducing
	Synonyms >>		
	Since the woman was sterile, she and her husband decided to adopt children.		
	Derivatives >>	sterilely, sterility, sterilizable, sterilizability, sterilization, sterilize	
8.	tumultuous	too MUL choo us	marked by disturbance and uproar; raising a great clatter and commotion
	Synonyms >>	uproarious, turbulent, violent, boisterous, unquiet	
	Our class reunion had a tumultuous celebration.		
	Derivatives >>	tumult, tumultuary, tumultuously, tumultuousness	
9.	unimpeachable	un im PEE chuh bul	not to be called into question, exempt from liability
	Synonyms >>	irreproachable, blameless	
	The man had an unimpeachable reputation and was considered by all to be extremely trustworthy.		
	Derivatives >>	unimpeachableness, unimpeachably, unimpeached	
10.	voracious	voe RAY shus	having a large appetite, ravenous
	Synonyms >>	gluttonous, rapacious	
	Henry the VIII allegedly had a voracious appetite.		
	Derivatives >>	voraciously, voraciousness, voracity	