

Word List I—High Frequency Words

One chapter

In this chapter, we will discuss words that are frequently asked in CAT examinations. The treatment has been done in such a manner that the meaning is given first, followed by the synonym (noted by the letter *S*) and antonym (noted by the letter *A*).

No.	Word	Definition
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A

1. abandon * to give up, to leave and never return.
S: Desert, Forsake, Leave
A: Retain unrestrained activity, Exuberance
2. abase to humiliate
S: Scorn, Belittle, Degrade
A: Exalt, Cherish
3. abate * to lessen; to subside, to become weaker
4. abbreviate to shorten
S: Abridge, Condense
A: Expand, Prolong
5. abdicate * to give up formally, to leave a position
S: Resign, Renounce
A: Retain, Uphold
6. abdication giving up control, authority
7. aberration straying away from what is normal
8. abet * to assist (normally a crime), support someone in criminal act.

9. abhor
10. abide *
11. abjure *
12. ablution
13. abridgement

S: Conspire, Connive

A: Dissuade, Deter

to hate; to detest

be faithful; to endure, to accept, to stay promise or swear to give up, to reject formally

washing

a short summary

S: Outline, Abbreviation, Summary, Abstract

A: Enlargement, Expansion

14. abscond *

to go away suddenly (to avoid arrest), to depart secretly

15. abstruse *

difficult to comprehend; obscure, hard

16. abysmal

extremely bad - to understand

17. abyss

a bottomless pit, anything too deep to measure

S: Chasm.

A: Summit, Elevation

18. accede *

agree to, give consent, enter to

S: Assent, Concur

A: Refuse, Dissent

19. acclaimed *

welcomed with shouts and ap-

proval, praise in strong way.

20. accolade

praise; approval

21. accost

to approach and speak to

S: Greet

A: Shun, Avoid

ambience → the mood or feeling of a particular place.

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22. accredit	to approve, certify	54. agog	eager; excited
23. accomplice *	a partner in crime	55. ail	trouble; be ill
24. acquaint	to inform, to make familiar	56. alacrity	eager and cheerful readiness
25. acquit	to clear (a person) of a charge	57. alcove	recess; partially enclosed place
26. acrid	sharp (as in speech)	58. alienate *	cause to make unfriendly, to distance oneself.
27. acrimony *	bitterness or harshness of speech or manner, <i>angry and bitter feelings.</i>		S: Estrange
28. acronym	word formed from the initial letters of a group of words.	59. allay	A: Familiarise
29. acumen	Keeness of mind, Insight		to calm, quieten
30. adage	An old saying, Proverb		S: Soothe, Pacify
31. adamant	inflexible	60. allegiance *	A: Agitate, Kindle
32. addle	to become rotten; to become confused	61. alleviate	duty; support; loyalty to a person
33. adduce	to offer as example, reason or proof	62. allocate *	make (pain) easier to bear
34. adjudicate *	to settle judicially, <i>judicial decision</i>	<i>allocation</i>	to set apart for a specific purpose.
35. adjure *	to beg; appeal, <i>to urge</i>	63. alloy *	mixture of two or more metals
36. admonish	to warn, reprove mildly	64. allure	to tempt with something desirable
	S: Censure, Rebuke		S: Lure, Inveigle
	A: Applaud, Praise, Compliment	65. aloof	A: Repel, Deter, Discourage
37. admonitory	containing warning	66. amalgamate	reserved; indifferent
38. ado	fuss, trouble	67. ambient *	mix, combine, unite
39. adorn	S: Bustle, Commotion	68. ambiguous *	Surround on all sides
40. adroit *	add beauty; decorate	69. amble	doubtful; uncertain, <i>anything more than one meaning</i>
	skilful and clever	70. amiable	leisurely walk
	S: Proficient, Dextrous		good natured
	A: Awkward, Dull	71. amicable	S: Gentle, Pleasing, Charming
41. adulteration *	making impure, poorer in quality		A: Sullen, Churlish, quarrelsome
42. advent	an arrival, coming		friendly, peaceful
43. adventitious	coming from another source and not innate	72. amnesia *	A: Warlike, Argumentative
44. adversary	enemy, opponent	73. amorphous	partial or total <u>loss of memory</u>
45. adversity *	misfortune, troubled state, <i>difficult situation</i>		without definite form
	S: Distress, Ill luck	74. analogy *	S: Undefinable
	A: Fortune	75. anarchy *	A: Crystalline, definite
<i>advertisement</i> → 46. advert *	to call attention to, refer to	<i>anarchist</i>	similarity in some way, <i>alike</i>
47. aeon	eternity, immeasurable period		absence of government, political disorder, <i>absence of authority</i>
48. affable	polite and friendly	76. ancillary	A: Order, Discipline
49. affinity	close connection, relationship	77. anguish	helping, subordinate
<i>affirmation</i> → 50. affirm *	to declare positively, to confirm	78. animosity	severe suffering
	S: Assert, Declare, Assure		feeling of strong dislike
51. agape	the mouth open wide with surprise		S: Enmity, Hostility, Rancour
52. aggravate	make worse; irritate		Animus
<i>agilely</i> → 53. agile *	active; quick-moving, <i>smart</i>	79. annihilate *	A: Amiability, Friendliness
		80. annuity	to destroy completely
			a fixed sum paid every year

81. annul *to do away with*
A: Enforce
82. anoint *to put oil on as part of a ceremony*
83. anomaly * *departure from the usual, unusual*
S: Abnormality
A: Normality
84. anon *soon*
A: Normality
85. antidote * *medicine used against a poison or a disease*
86. apiary * *a place where bees are kept,*
87. appease *make quiet or calm*
88. appraise * *to assess the value, evaluate, to give opinion about the condition.*
S: Assess
89. apprehensive *unhappy feeling about future; anxious*
90. apprise * *give notice; to inform*
91. arcade * *a covered passage (especially lined with shops), a place with many shops.*
92. arcane *secret, mysterious*
93. archaic *ancient, old-fashioned*
94. archives * *collection of the historical records or documents of a government or organisation*
95. arid *dry and barren, dull*
S: Parched, Dry, Bare
A: Lush, Fertile
96. arrogance * *proud superior manner of behaviour than other people*
97. articulate * *to express oneself in words clearly, easily understood*
98. articulate *speak distinctly; connect by joints*
99. artefact *a hand-made object*
100. ascend * *go or come up, to slope or lead upward*
101. ascendancy * *dominance, a position of power*
102. ascertain * *get to know, to learn*
103. ashen *deadly pale*
104. asterisk * *the star-shaped symbol (*)*
105. astringent *substance that shrinks*
106. atheism * *the belief that there is no god/deity*
107. atonement *repayment, death of Jesus, make amends*
108. attune *bring into harmony*
109. audacious *daring; foolishly bold; impudent*

110. august * *majestic; venerable, impressive quality*
111. auspicious *favorable; successful; prosperous*
112. austere *severely moral and strict; simple and plain*
113. auxiliary * *helping; supporting, extra help.*
114. aver *affirm; assert; prove; justify*
115. aversion *strong dislike*
116. avid *eager; greedy*
117. avow *admit; declare openly*

B

118. babble *to talk foolishly or like a small child.*
S: Prattle, Chatter, Palaver
A: Wisdom, Wit, Prudence
119. bacchanalia *orgy, wild-drunken party*
120. backlog * *an accumulation or reserve, jobs waiting*
121. badger *to nag, annoy, an animal*
122. bait * *to persecute; piece of food put in a trap to attract, lure by food to catch*
123. baleful *harmful; ominous; causing evil*
124. balk *obstacle; purposely to get on the way of*
125. banal *trite, commonplace*
S: Inane, Vapid
A: Fresh, Original, New
126. barbaric * *Primitive, Uncivilised, Cruel, rude*
S: Savage, Inhuman, Tyrannical
A: Civilised, Humane, Cultured
127. barrage * *heavy attack*
128. barrage * *artificial obstacle built across a river*
129. barren * *not good enough; unable to have young ones, without value*
130. bashful *easily embarrassed*
S: Shy, Diffident
A: Bold, Adventurous, Arrogant
131. bask *enjoy warmth and light*
132. beacon * *a light used for warning or guiding to help ships, airplanes, etc.*
133. benediction *something that promotes goodness or well-being*
134. benefactor *person who has given help*
135. benevolence *wish or activity, in doing good*
136. benign *kind and gentle; mild (climate)*

Canvas - a painting made on a piece of strong and rough cloth

C

137. **berate** scold sharply
138. **bereave** * to leave in a sad or lonely state, as by death
139. **bereft** rob or dispossess of something (material)
140. **berserk** in or into a violent rage or frenzy
S: Wild, Frenzied
A: Calm, Tranquil
141. **besiege** * to overwhelm, surround a city etc.
142. **besotted** * made silly or stupid by love
143. **bestial** like a beast
S: Brutish, Savage, Barbaric
A: Civilised, Cultured, Learned
144. **bewilder** puzzle; confuse
145. **bigot** stubborn; narrow-minded person
146. **bizarre** * odd, grotesque, very unusual or strange.
S: Eccentric, Unexpected
A: Plain, Commonplace
147. **bland** uninteresting
148. **blast** explosion; gust of wind
149. **blatant** * boldly conspicuous or obtrusive
A: Obscure, Subtle, Hidden
150. **blatant** * very obvious and offensive.
noisy and rough
151. **blemish** to mar or spoil, a defect
S: Flaw, Imperfection
A: Embellishment
152. **bogus** sham; counterfeit; not genuine
153. **boisterous** loud; noisy; rough; lacking restraint
154. **bolster** give greatly needed support
155. **boorish** crude; offensive; rude
156. **brainchild** * a person's own idea, plan or creation
157. **brash** hasty; rush; cheeky; saucy
158. **brass** * an alloy of copper and zinc
159. **bravado** pretended courage or feigned confidence
A: Cowardice
160. **bravura** boldness, dashing style
161. **brazen** shameless, bold
S: Daring
A: Submissive, Humble
162. **breach** * a violation, gap; opening; broken place; breaking
163. **brittle** * easily broken or cracked
164. **broach** * bring up; announce; begin to talk about, to open up
165. **cacophony** harsh sound
166. **cajole** use flattery or deceit; to persuade
167. **callous** hardened, unyielding
S: Obdurate, Insensible
A: Compassionate, Sympathetic
168. **camaraderie** friendship
169. **camouflage** A disguise in order to conceal
170. **candid** * frank; straightforward, in nature
171. **canon** * a basic law or principle by which something is judged.
172. **cant** insincere talk; tilt; overturn
173. **canvass** * discuss thoroughly; sort of touring; try to get votes or support
174. **cardinal** * principal, chief, most important
S: Fundamental, Vital
A: Insignificant, Negligible, Minor
175. **caricature** an exaggerated imitation of a person
S: Exaggeration, Parody, and Mimicry
A: Reality
176. **catalyst** * substance that causes speeding up (a reaction that happen quickly)
177. **cataract** * a large waterfall; an eye disease
178. **catholic** * comprehensive; universal, including many different things.
179. **caustic** biting; sarcastic
180. **cede/cession** to surrender possession of, especially by treaty
181. **celerity** * rapidity of motion or action
182. **celestial** * of the heavens and sky
S: Heavenly, Divine
A: Mortal, Earthly, Terrestrial
183. **celibacy** complete sexual abstinence, the state of being unmarried
A: Matrimony
184. **censure** * expression of blame or disapproval; a rebuke, official show of disapproval
185. **chaff** to tease good-naturedly; grin
186. **charismatic** husk
possessing spiritual grace, inspiring
A: Uninspiring

187. **chisel** steel tool for shaping materials
188. **chromatic** * of colour, music scale has all semitones.
189. **circumscribe** to draw line around; to limit
190. **clamor** shout; complain with a lot of noise
191. **clerical** * people who performs religious services of the clergy or clerk
192. **clientele** customers
193. **clinch** * settle conclusively
194. **cling** to resist separation; hold tightly
195. **clot** * half-solid lump formed from liquid
196. **coax** * get somebody to do something by kindness
197. **coerce** compel or force to make obedient
198. **cognizant** * being fully aware of
199. **collusion** * secret agreement for a deceitful purpose
200. **comatose** of, like or in a coma, lethargic
S: Unconscious
A: Alert
201. **combustion** process of burning
202. **comely** attractive
203. **commuter** * person who travels regularly
204. **compatible** * getting along or going together
A: Opposite, Intolerant
205. **conceal** hide; keep secret
206. **concede** * to admit as true, accept
S: Surrender, Admit, Own
A: Deny, Refuse, Disagree
207. **conceited** having an excessively high opinion of oneself
208. **concise** * brief and to the point
S: Compact, Short, Terse
A: Diffuse, Repetitive, Wordy
209. **concord** agreement or harmony
210. **concur** * agree in opinion; happen together
211. **condense** * increase in density, strength; make short
212. **condone** * forgive
213. **conduct** * manage, to lead
S: To direct, To transmit or convey, Guide
A: Desert, Abandon, Forego
214. **congenial** kindred, compatible
215. **conjure** * to summon as if by magic
216. **connive** to pretend not to look (at crime, etc.), Assist.
217. **conspicuous** * easily seen; remarkable
218. **constrain** * compel
219. **constrict** make tight or smaller
220. **construe** to interpret, to analyse
S: Translate, Explain
221. **consume** * get to the end of; eat
222. **conviction** * firm belief
223. **cordial** * warm and sincere
224. **correlate** * have a mutual relation
225. **corroboration** additional strengthening evidence
226. **countenance** to favor or approve of
227. **counterfeit** forgery
228. **covetous** eagerly desirous
229. **cower** crouch; shrink back
230. **coy** * shy, modest (esp of a girl)
231. **crass** stupid
232. **crease** line made by crushing white line on the ground in cricket; crush
233. **cringe** * to behave in an excessively servile way; flinch
234. **cryptic** * secret; with a hidden meaning
235. **cumbersome** burdensome; heavy and awkward to carry
236. **cupidity** * greed; lust
237. **curriculum** * course of study
238. **cursory** * quick, hurried
239. **curtail** * make shorter than was planned
- D**
240. **dabble** to play in water as with hands
241. **daft** silly, inane
S: Idiotic, Foolish
A: Profound, Wise, Intelligent
242. **dainty** pretty, delicate (food); difficult to please
243. **dally** to deal carelessly (with), trifle
244. **dearth** shortage
245. **debacle** a breakup; overthrow; sudden disaster
246. **debutante** * a girl making her social debut
247. **deciduous** ephemeral; of a tree shedding its leaves annually

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248. **decisive** * *that settles a dispute*
A: Indecisive
249. **declaim/** * *to speak pompously or bombastically; protest laudly*
declamation
250. **decorum** *propriety; properness*
251. **decree** * *order given by authority*
252. **decry** *disapprove of*
253. **defer** * *to postpone; to yield due to respect*
S: Delay, Adjourn
A: Expedite, Hasten, Quicken
254. **defiance** *open disobedience or resistance*
255. **defile** * *to pollute, to corrupt*
A: Glorify
256. **definitive** *conclusive, final*
S: Precise
A: Vague, Confused
257. **deft** *skilful*
S: Adept, Dexterous, Agile
A: Awkward, Clumsy, Inept
258. **demean** *to degrade*
S: Humble
A: Honour, Revere
259. **demur** *to hesitate; raise objections*
260. **demure** *decorous, modest*
S: Coy, Shy
A: Brazen, Impudent, Shameless
261. **denizen** * *an inhabitant or frequenter of a particular place*
S: Citizen
A: Alien, Foreigner
262. **denounce** * *condemn publicly*
263. **deplete** *use until none remains*
264. **depreciate** * *to lessen in value*
S: Undervalue, Lower, Decry
A: Boost, Raise, Praise
265. **derivative** * *unoriginal; obtained from another source*
266. **derogatory** * *insulting; tending to damage*
267. **desiccant** *substance used to absorb moisture*
268. **despicable** *deserving scorn*
S: Low, Mean, Cowardly
A: High, Noble, Exalted
269. **despot** *An absolute ruler*
S: Tyrant
A: Democrat

270. **deter** *discourage; hinder*
271. **detraction** *slandering; verbal attack; aspersion*
272. **detriment** * *damage*
S: Harm, Hurt, Injury
A: Advantage, Gain, Interest
273. **deviance** *being different in moral standards (from normal)*
274. **devious** *not direct, roundabout, Not honest*
S: cunning, Underhand
A: Straightforward, Honest
275. **dexterity** *skill (esp. in handling)*
276. **diffidence** * *shyness*
277. **dilapidated** *falling to pieces (due to a severe earthquake)*
278. **dilate** *speak comprehensively; become wider; large*
279. **dilatory** * *intended to delay*
280. **disabuse** *to free from error*
281. **disallow** *refuse to allow or accept as correct*
282. **discern** *see with an effort but clearly*
283. **discomfit** *confuse; embarrass*
284. **discompose** *to destroy the composure of*
285. **discord** * *disagreement, quarrel, lack of harmony between musical notes*
286. **discourse** * *speech; lecture*
287. **discredit** *refuse to believe*
288. **discreet** * *careful, prudent*
289. **discrete** * *individually distinct*
290. **discretion** *the freedom to make decisions*
291. **disdain** *look on with contempt*
292. **disinter** *dig up from the earth; reveal*
293. **dislodge** *remove from the place occupied*
294. **dismal** * *sad; gloomy; miserable*
295. **disparate** *essentially different*
296. **disproof** *proof to the contrary*
297. **dissemble** *speak or behave so as to hide something (in mind)*
298. **dissent** * *have a different opinion; refuse to assent*
299. **dissipate** *waste or squander*
300. **dissolute** * *marked by indulgence in vices*
301. **dissolution** *disintegration; looseness in morals*

302. **distraught** *distracted violently; upset in mind*
303. **divergence** * *getting farther apart from a point*
304. **divulge** * *make known something secret*
305. **dogmatic** *positive; certain; arbitrary; without room for discussion*
306. **dolt** * *stupid fellow*
307. **dormant** *in a state of inactivity but awaiting development*
308. **dote** *show much fondness; center one's attention*
309. **drawl** * *slow way of speaking*
310. **drone** * *male bee; person who isn't self-employed*
311. **drowsiness** *feeling sleepy; half asleep*
312. **drudge** *to do hard, menial or monotonous work*
313. **dubious** * *feeling doubt or causing doubt*
314. **dud** *useless person; something that fails*
315. **dupe** *cheat; make a fool of*
316. **duplicity** * *deliberate deception*
317. **dwarf** * *person or somebody much below the usual size*
318. **dynamo** * *a generator; something that produces electric current*

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319. **earthenware** * *dishes made of baked clay*
320. **earthy** *coarse, unrefined behaviour, of the earth*
A: Cultured, Refined
321. **eddy** *circular or spiral movement (e.g., of wind), a current*
322. **edible** * *fit to be eaten; not poisonous*
323. **efficacy** *production of a desired result*
324. **egoism** *selfishness*
A: Asceticism
325. **egotism** *excessive reference to oneself in speaking or writing*
S: Egoism, Conceit
A: Humility
326. **egress** * *way out; exit*
327. **elaborate** * *worked out with much care, in great detail*

328. **elan** *spirited self-assurance*
S: Vivacity, Enthusiasm, Exuberance
A: Sobriety, Depression
329. **elegiac** *Sad, Mournful*
A: Happy
330. **elegy** *a lament; a melancholy composition*
331. **elicit** * *draw out*
332. **eloquence** *fluent speaking; skillful use of language*
333. **emaciate** *make thin and weak*
334. **emanate** * *to come forth, Issue, as from a source*
S: Emerge, Originate
A: Stop
335. **embark** * *Begin a journey or endeavor*
336. **embellish** *make beautiful*
337. **embezzle** *use in a wrong way for one's own benefit*
338. **emend** *To make scholarly corrections in a text*
S: Correct, Revise, Rectify
A: Corrupt, Debase, Spoil
339. **emote** *stir up; excite*
340. **emulate** * *to try to equal or surpass; copy*
341. **encapsulate** * *enclose in capsule*
342. **encumbrance** * *burden, things that get in the way of*
343. **endearing** *making dear or liked*
344. **endorse** * *write one's name on the back of*
345. **enduring** *lasting*
346. **engrave** *impress deeply, carve*
347. **engrossing** *taken up all the time or attention; writing in large or formal way*
348. **engulf** *swallow up*
349. **enmity** * *hatred; being an enemy*
350. **ennui** *boredom*
351. **enormity** *of great size, number, etc. huge; a serious crime*
S: Vast, Immense
A: Smallness, Insignificance
352. **ensign** *flag; badge*
353. **entangle** *put into difficulties; involve as in a tangle*

354. **enthrall** *please greatly; enslave (fig.)*
 355. **entice** *tempt or persuade*
 356. **entreat** *ask earnestly*
 357. **enunciate** *pronounce (words); express a theory*
 358. **enzyme** *catalyst*
 359. **eon** * *an extremely long, indefinite period of time*
 360. **epitome** *representative example; a typical model*
 361. **equable** *steady; regular*
 362. **equilibrium** * *state of being balanced*
 363. **eradicate** * *get rid of; pull up by the roots*
 364. **erratic** *irregular in behaviour or opinion*
 365. **erudite** * *learned; scholarly*
 366. **espouse** *marry; give one's support to*
 367. **etiquette** *the forms, manners, etc. conventionally acceptable or required in society, profession, etc.*
 368. **eulogy** *formal praise; panegyric*
 369. **euphoria** * *elation; state of pleasant excitement*
 370. **euthanasia** *easy and painless death*
 371. **evasive** *tending to evade*
 372. **evoke** * *call up; bring out*
 373. **exasperate** *to irritate*
S: Exacerbate, Provoke
A: Mollify, Placate, Conciliate
 374. **excerpt** *a passage or extract from a book, film or piece of music*
 375. **exhaustive** * *complete; thorough*
 376. **exigency** *emergency; an urgent situation*
 377. **exorbitant** *much too high or great*
 378. **expedient** *likely to be useful for a purpose*
 379. **exploit** * *brilliant achievement; develop, use selfishly*
 380. **extempore** *without previous thought or preparation*
 381. **extinct** * *no longer active*
 382. **extinguish** *end the existence of; wipe or put out*
 383. **extol** *praise highly*
 384. **extort** *obtain by threats, violence*
 385. **extrovert** * *cheerful person*

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 386. **fallacious** *based on error*
 387. **falter** * *waver; move in an uncertain manner*
 388. **fanciful** *imaginary*
 389. **fawn** * *young deer; try to win somebody's favor*
 390. **feign** *to pretend*
S: sham, dissemble, simulate, counterfeit
 391. **felon** * *person guilty of murder*
 392. **femur** *thighbone, longleg bone extending from the pelvis to the knee*
 393. **ferment** * *undergo fermentation; become excited, commotion*
 394. **ferocity** *savage cruelty*
 395. **fervor** *warmth of feelings; earnestness*
 396. **feud** *bitter quarrel over a long period of time*
 397. **fidelity** * *loyalty; accuracy*
 398. **fidget** *move restlessly; make nervous*
 399. **figurehead** * *carved image on the brow of a ship; nominal leader*
 400. **finesse** *delicate way of dealing with a situation*
 401. **finical** * *too fussy about food, clothing, etc.*
 402. **finicky** *finical*
 403. **fission** *splitting or division (esp. of cells)*
 404. **fixate** *stare at*
 405. **flak** *criticism; anti-aircraft guns*
 406. **flamboyant** *brightly colored; florid*
 407. **flaunting** *show off complacently*
 408. **flax** * *pale; yellow (hair); a plant*
 409. **fleet** * *number of ships; quick-moving*
 410. **flop** *fail; move; fall clumsily*
 411. **florid** *very much ornamented; naturally red (e.g., of face)*
 412. **flout** * *reject, mock; to go against (as in going against tradition)*
 413. **fluke** * *lucky stroke*
 414. **fluster** *make nervous or confused*
 415. **foll** *prevent from carrying out; contrast*

416. **foment** put something warm (to lessen the pain)
417. **foolproof** incapable of failure or error
418. **forbear** refrain from; be patient; ancestor
419. **forbearance** patience; willingness to wait
420. **forensic** * belonging to courts of judicature
421. **forerunner** a sign that tells or warns of something to follow
S: Herald, Harbinger, Predecessor
A: Successor, Offspring
422. **forfeit** suffer the loss of something
423. **forge** * workshop for the shaping of metal; to shape metal lead
424. **forgery** * counterfeit
425. **forte** * that which one does particularly well
426. **forthright** * direct and frank
S: Outspoken, Straightforward
A: Obscure, Veiled
427. **foster** * nurture; care for
428. **fragile** * easily injured, broken or destroyed
429. **frantic** wildly excited with joy; anxiety
430. **fraternal** brotherly
431. **fraudulent** * based on or using fraud
S: Cheating, Deceitful
A: Honest
432. **fray** to wear out by use, cloth etc.
S: frazzle, tatter
433. **frenzied** wildly, insanely, excited
S: wild, frantic, hysterical
434. **fret** * worry; irritation; wear away
435. **fringe** * edge; ornamental border; part of hair over the forehead
436. **frollicsome** light-hearted, gay
S: playful, pranks
437. **frugal** * careful; economical
438. **futile** * useless
S: Trifling, Trivial, Vain
A: Effective, Satisfactory, Fruitful

G

439. **gala** * a festivity, celebration, commemoration
440. **gale** cyclone, hurricane, storm, tempest
441. **gallant** brave, noble, attentive to ladies, amorous
442. **gallivant** (derogatory) to go about from one place to another in search of pleasure
443. **galvanise** to stimulate
444. **gambol** * frolic, play
445. **gamut** the entire range or extent
S: Range, Scope, Purview
446. **gape** to stare with open mouth, to be wide open
S: Gawk, ogle, peer
447. **garish** gaudy
S: Ostentatious
A: Sober, Modest
448. **garment** * article of clothing
449. **garnish** * to decorate
S: Embellish, Adorn, Beautify
A: Spoil, Disfigure, Impair
450. **gasket** * a layer of packing material like a sheet of asbestos, etc. used for making gas-tight joints
451. **gasp** * to gape for breath
452. **gawk** to stare stupidly
453. **gawky** clumsy
S: Awkward, Ungainly
A: Elegant
454. **generic** * of a whole class, kind or group
S: Typical, Characteristic, Common
A: Individual, Particular
455. **genteel** polite or well bred
S: Polished, Refined, Cultured
A: Rough, Coarse, Ill-bred
456. **gentry** people of the upper class
457. **gesticulate** * to make lively gestures
S: Signal, Pantomime
458. **gibe** An insulting remark
S: Scoff, Sneer, Mock
A: Praise, Exalt, Applaud
459. **gild** * to cover with gold or gold-like substance; gift

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460. **girth** *circumferential measure of thickness*
461. **gist** ✱ *the point; general sense*
462. **gleam** *to glow or shine, to flash*
463. **glib** *ready and smooth but not sincere*
464. **glimmer** ✱ *weak, unsteady light, twinkle*
465. **gloss** ✱ *brightness, polish, radiance, luster; shine*
466. **gnarled** *contorted, twisted, weather-beaten, knotty*
467. **gnaw** *waste away; bite steadily*
468. **goad** *something urging a person to action*
469. **gorge** ✱ *eat greedily; narrow opening with a stream*
470. **gouge** *tool for cutting grooves in wood; scoopout*
471. **grave** ✱ *serious; requiring consideration*
472. **gravel** *an assemblage of stones*
473. **graze** ✱ *touch or scrape lightly in passing, feed on grass*
474. **grievous** *causing grief or pain; serious*
475. **grimace** *make a distorted face*
476. **grit** ✱ *persistence, stamina, pluck, determination*
477. **grovel** ✱ *crawl; humble oneself*
478. **grueling** *exhausting*
479. **grumpy** ✱ *peevish*
S: Morose, Irritable, Surly
A: Amicable, Gentle
480. **guild** ✱ *an association for mutual aid/help*
481. **guise** *external appearance, manner, behaviour, dress*
482. **gullible** *easily tricked*
483. **gush** *burst out suddenly; talk ardently*
484. **gust** *outburst of feeling; sudden rain, wind, fire, etc.*
485. **gyrate** ✱ *To move in a circular or spiral path*
S: Spin, Whirl, Rotate
- H**
486. **hack** ✱ *cut roughly; hired horse*
487. **hardihood** *resolute; courage and fortitude*
488. **harmonious** ✱ *having parts arranged in an orderly, pleasing way*
S: Agreeable, Concordant, Congruous
A: Dissonant, Opposed, Incompatible
489. **haughty** *arrogant; conceited*
490. **heady** ✱ *intoxicating*
491. **heed** ✱ *attention; give notice to*
492. **heinous** ✱ *odious (of crime)*
493. **hematology** ✱ *the study of blood and its diseases*
494. **hereditary** ✱ *of, or passed down by inheritance from an ancestor*
S: Inherited, Congenital
495. **heresy** *belief contrary to what is generally accepted*
496. **hermaphrodite** *a person, animal or plant with sexual organs of both male and female*
497. **heterogeneous** ✱ *made up of different kinds*
498. **heyday** *the time of greater vigor, prosperity etc.*
499. **hibernate** ✱ *to spend the winter in a dormant state (of animals), to be inactive (person) with superior tastes*
500. **highbrow** *to keep back, stop*
501. **hinder** ✱ *S: Impede, Obstruct, Prevent*
A: Help, Assist, Further
502. **hinterland** *The land away from a river*
503. **hirsute** ✱ *hairy; shaggy*
504. **hoax** ✱ *mischievous trick played on somebody for a joke*
505. **hobnob** *To be on close terms (with the government)*
A: Alienate, Estrange
506. **homicide** ✱ *the killing of one person by another*
507. **hone** ✱ *stone used for sharpening tools, sharpen*
508. **hoodwink** *trick; mislead*
509. **hospitable** ✱ *to give hospitality, welcoming to guests*
510. **hush** ✱ *make or become silent*
511. **husk** ✱ *worthless outside part of any thing (seed, fruit, etc.)*

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512. **hypocrisy** ✱ *falsely making oneself appear to be good*

I

513. **icon** *an image, figure, statue*
514. **idealism** *behaviour or thought based on a conception of things as one thinks they should be*

515. **ignoramus** *an ignorant person*
S: Dunce, Dolt, Dope
A: Genius, Prodigy, Scholar

516. **illegible** *hard or impossible to read because badly written or printed*
S: Unreadable, Indecipherable
A: Legible, Readable, Decipherable

517. **illicit** *unlawful; forbidden*

518. **illusion** *an unreal or misleading appearance or image*
S: Fantasy, Image
A: Reality, Fact

519. **immaculate** *pure; faultless*

520. **imminent** *likely to come or happen soon*

521. **immune** *exempt from or protected against something harmful*
S: Exculpate, Reprieve
A: Condemn, Convict, Blame

522. **impair** *worsen; diminish in value*

523. **impassioned** *filled with passion or zeal*

524. **impassive** *unmoved feeling; no sign of passion*

525. **impeach** *to accuse; to charge with a crime*

526. **impede** *hinder; get in the way of*

527. **impending** *imminent; being about to happen; expected*

528. **imperative** *urgent; essential*

529. **impermeable** *that cannot be permeated*

530. **impertinent** *given to insolent rudeness*

531. **imperturbable** *calm; not capable of being excited*

532. **impervious** *not allowing to pass through (of materials)*

533. **implacable** *incapable of being placated; unpleasable*

534. **implicit** *implied though not plainly expressed*

535. **improvise** *to compose and perform without preparation*
S: Extemporise, Invent, Compose

536. **impudent** *rash; indiscreet*

537. **inane** *silly; senseless*

538. **Inasmuch** *since; because*

539. **Incandescent** *white, glowing or luminous with intense heat*

540. **incarcerate** *to put in prison; to confine*

541. **incense** *make angry*

542. **Inception** *Act of beginning, Start*
S: inauguration, Beginning, Origin
A: Termination, End, Finish

543. **incessant** *often repeated; continual*

544. **incise** *engrave; make a cut in*

545. **incite** *stir up; rouse*

546. **Incoherent** *Not logically connected, Disjointed*
S: Confused
A: Clear, Vivid

547. **Incongruous** *out of place; not in harmony or agreement*

548. **incredible** *seeming too unusual to be possible*

549. **inculcate** *fix firmly by repetition*

550. **indeterminate** *indefinite*
A: Definite, Clear

551. **indignant** *feeling or expressing anger especially at unjust or mean action*
S: Anger, Wrath, Scorn
A: Calm Cool, Patient

552. **indiscreet** *to open in what one says or does*
S: Brash, Rash, Reckless
A: Wise

553. **indistinct** *not easily heard, seen*

554. **Indolence** *laziness*

555. **Indomitable** *not easily discouraged or subdued*

556. **Induct** *to place formally in an office, a society, etc.*
S: Install, Initiate

557. **Indulge** *gratify; give way to; satisfy; allow oneself*

558. **Indulgent** *inclined to indulge*

559. **Inebriated** *intoxicated*

S: Drunk, Tipsy
A: Sober, Teetotal

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560. **Inept** unskillful; said or done at the wrong time
561. **Ineptitude** quality of being unskillful
562. **Infirm** Weak from age
S: Weak, Languid, Feeble
A: Strong, Powerful, Tough
563. **Inflammatory** rousing excitement, anger, etc.
S: Incendiary, Infuriating
A: Reconciling, Mitigating
564. **Infilct** to cause (wounds, pain etc.) suffering
565. **Infringe** To break (a law or pact)
S: Transgress, Violate, Trespass
566. **infuriate** fill with fury or rage
567. **infuse** put; pour; fill
568. **Ingenious** clever, resourceful
S: Skillful, Inventive
A: Unskilled, Awkward, Dull
569. **ingest** take in by swallowing
570. **ingress** the act of entering; entrance
571. **inhibition** restraint, reserve
S: Repression, Ban, Opposition
A: Approval, Permission, Accordance
572. **Inimitable** defying imitation; unmatched
573. **Insane** mentally ill or deranged, Not sane
S: Mad, Delirious, Frenzied
A: Sound, Sane, Normal
574. **insensible** unconscious; unresponsive; unaffected
575. **Insignia** distinguishing marks as emblems of rank
S: Sign
576. **Insipid** without taste or flavor
577. **insolent** boldly disrespectful, rude
S: Impudent, Impertinent, Offensive
578. **Insolvent** unable to pay debts; impoverished
579. **Interim** as an installment, provisional
580. **Intimate** to announce; to suggest or hint, close to (as in relations)
581. **Intractable** not easily managed or controlled; unruly
582. **Inundate** flood; cover by overflowing
583. **Irate** angry
584. **Ire** anger
585. **Irksome** tiresome
586. **Irresolute** hesitating; undecided
- J**
587. **Jab** sneer, taunt, belittle
588. **Jabber** ✱ To talk quickly and incoherently
589. **Jabber** ✱ talk excitedly; utter rapidly
590. **Jacuzzi** a special type of bath mechanism where water is agitated to give extra invigoration
591. **Jaded** ✱ bored, satiated, dulled
S: inferior, wearied, listless, exhausted
A: refreshed, strengthened
592. **jagged** uneven, rough edged, notched
593. **Jeer** to make fun of, deride; scoff; mock
594. **jerk** ✱ a spasmodic muscle movement;
595. **jester** clown; buffoon
596. **jibe** gibe; make fun of
597. **jittery** ✱ jumpy; nervous; shaky; anxious
598. **Jockey** ✱ to manoeuvre, to position of advantage; horse rider
599. **Jocular** meant as a joke
600. **Jolt** ✱ to shake with a sudden jerk; startle
601. **jostle** to hustle; to elbow
602. **Jovial** joyous; full of geniality
603. **Jubilant** ✱ shouting with joy; rejoicing
604. **Jubilation** celebration; elation; euphoria; exultation
605. **judicious** ✱ sound in judgment; wise
606. **Junk** ✱ rubbish; garbage; trivia; trash
607. **Junta** ✱ a group of men united for some secret intrigue
608. **Jurisdiction** ✱ legal authority; extent of power
609. **Juvenile** ✱ young; childish; youthful; immature
- K**
610. **keen** intense, sharp, vivid, acute
611. **keep-sake** gift, usually small and often not very costly, that is kept in memory of the giver

612. kennel ★ house for dogs, a pack of hounds
 613. keynote ★ (i) The basic idea or 'Ruling principle'
S: Theme, Nub (ii) Musical Note
 614. killjoy One who destroys or lessens other people's enjoyment
 615. kiln a furnace or oven for drying, burning or baking bricks, pottery, etc.
 616. kimono a traditional dress of Japan
 617. kin ★ relative, family related as by blood
 618. kindergarten ★ school for infants
 619. kindle ★ to set fire to
S: light, inflame, ignite
A: extinguish, discourage, snuff-out
 620. kingpin chief, don, boss
 621. kiosk ★ a small stall for the sale of newspapers, etc.
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622. kit apparatus, gear, outfit
 623. kith kith and kin; friends and relations
 624. kitty ★ pool of money to be played for
 625. knack ★ dexterity, talent, proficiency, ability
 626. knit ★ draw together; unite firmly
 627. kudos ★ credit for achievement, glory, fame

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628. lacklustre (of eyes) dull
 629. lag (i) To fall behind, Not keep pace, Move slowly (ii) Imprison, Arrest (iii) A piece of non-conductive cover of a boiler to prevent heat transfer
 630. lament show, feel great sorrow
 631. languish To become weak, Droop, Be unhappy
 632. languid without vigour or vitality
S: Pensive, Drooping, Lethargic
A: Brisk, Lively, Vivacious
 633. languor Lack of vigour or vitality
 634. latent present but not visible or active; the latent force of an atomic bomb
S: dormant, potential

635. lavish giving or producing freely, liberally or generously
 636. legacy something handed down from ancestors
 637. lethal causing death
S: Deadly, Fatal
A: Harmless
 638. lewd pertaining to lust, indecent
S: Obscene, Lustful, Licentious
A: Pure, Chaste
 639. liberality free giving; generosity
 640. limp lacking strength; walking unevenly
 641. limpid transparent; absolutely serene and untroubled
 642. lingo a dialect, jargon etc., that one is not familiar with
 643. listless characterised by lack of interest, energy or spirit
 644. lithe bending, twisting
 645. litigate to contest in a lawsuit
 646. livid (i) Discoloured by a bruise, Black and blue (ii) Furiously angry
S: Discoloured, Angry
 647. loathe To feel intense dislike or disgust for
S: Detest, Abhor, Abominate
 648. loll rest; to sit or stand in a lazy way; hang (dog's tongue)
 649. lucid clear, readily understood
S: Clear, Intelligible
A: incomprehensible, irrational, Illegible
 650. lull become quiet or less active
 651. lumber move in a clumsy, noisy way
 652. luminary star; light-giving body
 653. lurk be out of view, ready to attack
 654. lustrous being bright, polished

M

655. machination plot; scheme (esp. evil)
 656. maestro a master in an art, especially a great conductor or composer of music
 657. magnanimous generous
A: Selfish, Mean, Miserly

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658. magnate	important person in any field	685. mollify	make calmer or quieter
659. malady	disease, Illness	686. molt	moult; lose hair, feathers before new growing
660. malice	S: Illness, Disorder, Ailment active ill will, desire to harm another	687. morbid	diseased; unhealthy (e.g., about ideas)
661. malign	S: Spite, Grudge, Hatred A: Benevolence, Goodwill injurious; speak ill of somebody; tell lie	688. mordant	biting and caustic; incisive
662. malinger	to fake illness or injury in order to shirk a duty	689. morose	ill-tempered, unsocial
663. malleable	yielding easily; can be moulded; adapting	690. muffler	cloth worn round the neck; silencer
664. malodorous	producing a bad odour, stinking S: foul, Noxious A: fragrant	691. multifarious	varied; motley; greatly diversified
665. mandatory	authoritatively commanded S: Compulsory	692. mundane	worldly as opposed to spiritual; commonplace; everyday
666. massacre	cruel killing of a large number of people	693. myriad	very great number
667. matriculation	be admitted, enter a university as a student		
668. maul	hurt by rough handling	694. nadir	lowest, weakest point
669. mediocre	ordinary, Average	695. nag	to find fault with
670. melancholy	very sad and depressed state S: Dispirited, Sorrowful A: Happy, Merry	696. naive	Unaffectedly simple S: Artless, Innocent, Unsophisticated, A: Cunning, Shrewd, Sly
671. mendacity	dishonesty	697. narcotic	a drug such as morphine, used to relieve pain and induce sleep S: Dope, Opiate, Drug A: Stimulant
672. mendicant	a beggar	698. nascent	coming into existence; emerging
673. mercurial	quick, changeable in character; fleeting	699. natal	of or relating to one's birth A: Mortal
674. mesmerise	hypnotise	700. nautical	of sailors, ships or navigation
675. metamorphosis	transformation S: Conversion, Change	701. negligent	taking too little care
676. meticulous	giving great attention to details	702. nervy	bold or brash; nervous
677. mettle	quality of endurance or courage	703. neurotic	having neurosis (a functional derangement caused by disorder of the nervous system) A: Sane, Poised, Rational
678. mettlesome	courageous; high-spirited	704. nexus	a connection, tie or link
679. mince	pronounce or speak affectedly; euphemise; pound to a pulp	705. nibble	take little bites
680. mischievous	harmful; causing mischief	706. nocturnal	of or in the night
681. miscreant	heretical; villainous	707. nomenclature	the system of naming used in a science, etc. S: Terminology
682. miser	person who loves wealth and spends little; frugal	708. nonentity	a person or thing of little or no importance
683. missive	letter	709. notorious	widely known especially unfavourably
684. moderation	quality of being limited; not extreme		

S: ill-famed, Infamous, Dishonourable

A: Good, Virtuous, Honest harmful

of marriage or wedding

O

corpulent, fat

unaware; having no memory

odiously or disgustingly objectionable

determined to have one's own way, Stubborn

S: Head-Strong

A: Obliging, Yielding, Flexible to be established; accepted or customary

projecting; prominent; undesirably noticeable

blunt; stupid

blocked up

a person between the ages of eighty and ninety

repulsive; hateful

contempt; dislike; aversion

smell; favor; reputation

waste or by-product of a process; rubbish

to keep looking at flirtatiously

threatening

a burden, unpleasant duty etc.

dullness; not allowing light to pass through

holding obstinately to one's opinions

S: Obstinate, Dogmatic

A: Open-minded

suitable, said of time

S: Appropriate

A: Untimely, Unsuitable, Inappropriate

Having much wealth, rich

S: Affluence, Wealth

A: Poverty, Penury, Frugality

very odd or strange

S: Strange, Odd, Peculiar

A: Normal, Well mannered examine thoroughly; to learn about the condition

P

roof of the mouth; sense of taste magnificent

lessen the severity of

can be felt, touched, understood a model; example or pattern

express meaning in different words

umbrella used as a sunshade, especially by women

an outcast; a rejected and despised person

one-sided; committed to a party; biased or prejudiced

emotion of sympathetic pity

regular customer; person who gives support

scarcity; a lacking of

commonplace; trite; unremarkable, person who walks

bad-tempered; irritable

strong inclination; a liking

feeling or showing regret

poor; stingy

extreme poverty

dangerous

be destroyed; decay

cheerful and lively

spread into every part of

harmful; injurious

be guilty; commit (a crime)

gratuity or tip

pleasing in appearance; attractive

belong as a part; have reference diffuse

destructive thing or a person who is a nuisance

power (to think, feel, act) taken away, scared

to make hard, rocklike; frighten

not genuine

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766. **piety** the quality of being religious
 767. **pinch** be too tight; take between the thumb and finger
 768. **pine** waste away through sorrow or illness
 769. **pious** dutiful to parents; devoted to religion
 770. **pitfall** covered hole as a trap; unsuspected danger
 771. **pith** essential part; soft liquid substance; inner core of stems in plants.
 772. **pivotal** of great importance (others depend on it)
 773. **placate** soothe; pacify; calm
 774. **placid** serenely free of interruption or disturbance
 775. **plaintive** mournful melancholy; sorrowful
 776. **plaque** flat metal on a wall as a memorial
 777. **plea** request
 778. **plead** address a court of law as an advocate
 779. **plethora** excess
 780. **pliant** pliable; easily bent, shaped or twisted
 781. **plod** continue doing something without resting
 782. **pluck** pull the feathers off; pick (e.g., flowers)
 783. **plunge** move quickly, suddenly and with force
 784. **poncho** large piece of cloth
 785. **portent** omen; marvellous; threatening
 786. **postulate** to claim; to assume as true, existent or necessary
 787. **prattle** chatter; to utter or make meaningless sounds
 788. **precarious** uncertain; risky; dangerous
 789. **precipitous** steep
 790. **précis** concise summary
 791. **precursory** preliminary; anticipating
 792. **predominate** have more power than others
 793. **preen** tidy; show self-satisfaction
 794. **premature** doing or happening of something before the right time
 795. **preponderance** greatness in number, strength, weight
 796. **prevalent** common
 797. **prim** neat; formal
 798. **pristine** primitive; unspoiled; pure as in earlier times
 799. **procrastination** to keep putting off
 800. **prodigal** wasteful; reckless with money
 801. **prodigy** a person with a special talent
 802. **profuse** abundant; lavish
 803. **progeny/progenitor** descendants; children
 804. **prone** prostrate; inclined to (undesirable things)
 805. **propagation** increasing the number; spreading; extending
 806. **provident** frugal; looking to the future
 807. **provisional** of the present time only
 808. **provoke** make angry
 809. **prudence** careful; forethought
 810. **prudish** easily shocked; excessively modest
 811. **prune** dried plum; silly person, shorten
 812. **pry** inquire too curiously
 813. **pseudonym** a false name
 814. **pummel** to pound or beat
 815. **pungency** sharpness; stinging quality
 816. **pungent** marked by a sharp incisive quality; caustic
 817. **punitive** inflicting, involving or aiming at punishment
 818. **pyre** large pile of wood for burning
- Q**
819. **quack** person dishonestly claiming
 820. **quaff** drink deeply
 821. **qualm** feeling of doubt; temporary feeling of sickness
 822. **quash** to annul, cancel, smother
 823. **queer** odd, strange, bizarre, erratic
 824. **quell** suppress; subdue
 825. **quench** satisfy, satiate, allay
 826. **quilt** banquet cover, warmer
 827. **quip** A witty or sarcastic remark
 S: Sally, Retort, Jest

828. quirk
829. quorum

habit or action peculiar to somebody or something
minimum number of people who have to be present to make the vote valid

R

830. rabble
831. racket

mob; crowd; the lower classes of populace
a noisy confusion

S: Noise, Clamour, Commotion
A: Peace, Quietude, Harmony
full of zest or vigor; piquant
dissolute person; libertine,
sweep, an instrument to gather leaves, etc.

832. racy
833. rake

834. rally

(i) To come together to support
(ii) Give new strength (iii) Gathering or assembly (iv) A contest of motor vehicle endurance

835. ramble

to move aimlessly from place to place

836. rampant

widespread, raging

837. rancid

having the bad smell or taste of stale fats or oils, Spoiled

S: Stinking, Offensive, Decaying

A: Sweet, Fresh, Fragrant

838. ransack

to plunder, Pillage

S: Rummage

A: Restore, Compensate, Redress

839. rant

use extravagant language

840. rapport

sympathetic relationship, Harmony

S: Accord

A: Hatred, Enmity, Animosity

841. rarefy

to make thin, less dense; to purify or refine

842. ratify

to approve and sanction formally

843. rave

act with excessive enthusiasm

844. reactionary

opposing progress

845. rebuff

snub

846. recast

cast or fashion anew

847. reciprocity

granting of privileges in return for similar

848. recitals

a number or performance of music

849. recluse

person who lives alone and avoids people

850. reconcile

settle a quarrel; restore peace

851. recourse

turning to someone or something for help

852. redeem

get back by payment; compensate

853. refine

make or become pure, cultured

854. regale

to delight or entertain; to feast

855. rehabilitate

to put back to useful life

S: Restore, Cure

A: Ruin, Destroy

856. rejoinder

An answer especially to a reply,

S: Answer, Retort, Reply

857. rejuvenation

becoming young in nature or appearance

858. relapse

fall back again

859. reluctant

unwilling, disinclined

S: Unenthusiastic, Opposed

A: Willing, Eager, Ready

860. render

deliver; provide; represent

861. renovate

restore something to better condition

862. renowned

celebrated; famous

863. repast

meal

864. repel

refuse to accept; cause dislike

865. reproach

scold; upbraid

866. repulsive

causing a feeling of disgust

867. resigned

unresisting; submissive

868. resort

to frequently visit

869. retard

check; hinder

870. revere

have deep respect for

871. reverent

feeling or showing deep respect

872. riddle

puzzling person or thing

873. rift

split; crack; dissension

874. roll

call; calling of names

875. ruffian

violent, cruel man

S

876. sadism

Seeking pleasure from hurting others

877. salient

Conspicuous, Prominent

S: Outstanding

A: Hidden

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878. sallow	of a grayish greenish yellow color	906. severance	severing
879. salutary	remedial; causing improvement	907. shallow	little depth; not earnest
880. sanction	approval (by authority); penalty	908. shambles	a scene of great destruction or disorder
881. sanctuary	a holy place or a place of refuge or protection		S: Mess, Muddle
882. sanity	health of mind; soundness of judgement	909. sheath	A: Order
883. sardonic	disdainfully or skeptically humorous; sarcastic		cover for the blade of a weapon or a tool
884. sash	long strip worn round the waist	910. shrewd	astute; showing sound judgement
885. satiate	satisfy fully	911. shrill	sharp; piercing
886. saucy	rude, impudent	912. shun	keep away from; avoid
	S: Insolent	913. shunt	send from one track to another; lay aside
	A: Modest, Humble		step to one side, dodge
887. savor	taste, flavor something	914. sidestep	a fine-grained sandy sediment
888. sawdust	tiny bits of wood	915. silt	carried or deposited by water
889. scent	smell (esp. pleasant)	916. skeptic	one who habitually questions matters generally accepted
890. scorch	become discolored; dry up; go at high speed; to burn		Rough or rapid
891. scribble	write hastily	917. sketchy	short piece of humorous writing
892. scurvy	disease due to deficiency of vitamin C	918. skit	sluggish; dull; not tight
893. secede/ secession	to withdraw from an organisation	919. slack	kind of blue-grey stone; propose; criticize
894. secular	material (not spiritual); living outside monasteries; worldly	920. slate	to sleep, slide or glide along
895. sedate	sober, serious and unemotional; calm and composed	921. slither	lazy, slow-moving person
	S: Serene	922. sluggard	join sounds, words (indistinct)
	A: Mercurial, Frivolous	923. slur	to smile in a conceited and complacent way
896. sedentary	marked by much sitting	924. smirk	burn slowly without flame
	A: Peripatetic	925. smoulder	annoyingly self-satisfied or complacent,
897. sediment	matter that settles to the bottom of liquid	926. smug	S: Self-satisfied
898. séduce	to tempt into wrong-doing		trap
	S: Allure, Inveigle, Entice	927. snare	slyly malicious or derisive
	A: Protect, Guide, Discourage	928. snide	S: Sneer, Slyness
899. self-contained	complete within itself		A: Praising, Eulogising
900. semblance	outward appearance	929. snub	treat with contempt
	S: Likeness, Form	930. soar	rise; fly high
901. sequence	succession; connected line of	931. sober	self-controlled
902. sermon	reproving a person for his faults	932. sobriety	quality or condition of being sober
903. serrated	having a toothed edge	933. soggy	heavy with water
904. servile	like a slave; lacking independence	934. solitude	being solitary or alone, seclusion
905. sever	break off		S: Loneliness
			A: Society

935. **solvent** *of the power of forming a solution*
936. **somatic** *of the body, physical*
937. **soot** *black powder in smoke*
938. **sophisticated** *complex; subtle; refined*
939. **spartan** *hardy; warlike, disciplined*
940. **spleen** *feelings of anger or ill will; often suppressed*
941. **sponge** *porous rubber for washing; live at other's expense*
942. **sporadic** *happening or appearing in isolated instances*
S: Infrequent
A: Constant, Prevalent, Continue
943. **spruce** *neat and in a smart way*
S: Neat
A: Untidy, Slovenly
944. **spurious** *counterfeit*
945. **spurn** *have nothing to do; reject or refuse*
946. **squabble** *to quarrel noisily over a small matter*
S: Wrangle, Dispute, Quarrel
947. **squander** *spend wastefully*
948. **squat** *crouch; settle without permission*
949. **staid** *sober, sedate*
S: Serious
A: Excited
950. **standing** *status or reputation (figurative)*
951. **stationary** *still, motionless*
952. **stationery** *writing material*
953. **steeply** *rising or falling sharply*
954. **stigma** *mark of shame or disgrace*
955. **stigmatise** *describe somebody scornfully*
956. **stilted** *artificially formal or dignified*
S: Stiff, Unnatural
A: Casual, Informal
957. **sting** *something sharp*
958. **stingy** *spending, using unwillingly*
959. **stint** *to be thrifty; to set limits*
960. **stray** *wander; lose one's way*
961. **streak** *long; thin; move very fast*
962. **stride** *walk with long steps*
963. **strut** *a supporting bar; swagger*
964. **subdue** *overcome; bring under control*
965. **subjugate** *to conquer; to subdue*
966. **sublime** *extreme; astounding*
967. **submerge** *put under water, liquid; sink out of sight*
968. **suffice** *be enough*
969. **suffocate** *cause or have difficulty in breathing*
970. **suffrage** *short prayer usually in a series; right of voting*
971. **sullied** *to be stained or discredited*
972. **summarily** *briefly; without delay*
973. **summary** *done without delay or formality*
974. **sundry** *various; miscellaneous; separate*
975. **superannuate** *to become retired; to become obsolete*
976. **supercilious** *disdainful; characterised by haughty scorn*
977. **superfluous** *more than is needed or wanted*
978. **superimpose** *put something on the top*
979. **supersede** *take the place of*
980. **suppress** *prevent from being known; put an end to*
981. **surcharge** *additional load; charge*
982. **surveillance** *watch kept over a person, especially a suspect*
S: Supervision, Invigilation
983. **sustenance** *nourishment, support*
984. **swagger** *To walk with a bold, arrogant stride*
985. **swerve** *change direction suddenly*
986. **symbiosis** *the living together of two kinds of organisms to their mutual advantage*
987. **syndrome** *a set of symptoms characterising a disease or condition*
988. **synopsis** *summary or outline*
- T**
989. **taboo** *any social restriction*
S: Forbidden
A: Permit, Allow, license
990. **tacit** *unspoken, silently understood*
A: Explicit, Verbal
991. **tactile** *perceptible by touch*
992. **tadpole** *form of a frog when it leaves the egg*

993. **talisman** a ring, stone, etc. bearing engraved figures supposed to bring good luck, avert evil, etc.
994. **tamper** interfere with
995. **tangential** suddenly changeable
996. **tantrum** a violent outburst of rage etc.
997. **tarnished** lost brightness
998. **tassel** bunch of threads
999. **taunt** contemptuous reproach; hurtful remark
1000. **taut** tightly stretched
1001. **tawdry** cheap; gaudy; showy; tacky
1002. **tawny** brownish-yellow, tan
1003. **tedious** Long and dull
S: Slow, Wearisome, Fatiguing
A: Light, Hearty, Cheerful
1004. **teem** to be prolific, abound, swarm
1005. **teetotal** opposed to alcohol
1006. **temperate** showing self-control
1007. **tentative** done as a test, not final
A: Established, Certain
1008. **tepid** lukewarm
1009. **theatrical** designed for effect, Show, Unnatural
S: Dramatic
1010. **therapeutic** serving to cure or heal or to preserve health
1011. **thesaurus** a book of synonyms and antonyms
1012. **thespian** (i) Having to do with drama
(ii) An actor
1013. **thickset** Thick in body, stocky
1014. **threshold** the beginning point
S: Beginning, Start
A: End
1015. **thrift** care; economy; thriving; prosperous
1016. **thwart** obstruct; frustrate
1017. **timid** shy; easily frightened
1018. **titanic** of great size, strength or power
S: Gigantic, Immense
A: Tiny, Small
1019. **tonic** something giving strength or energy
1020. **topple** be unsteady and overturn
1021. **torment** severe pain or suffering
1022. **tortuous** devious; not straightforward
1023. **totalitarian** designating or of a government in which one political group maintains complete control, especially under a dictator
1024. **tout** person who worries others to buy something, to use his service
1025. **traumatic** an emotional shock having a lasting psychic effect
S: Unpleasant, Agonising
A: Titillating
1026. **tremor** trembling
S: Shaking, Fearful
A: Brave
1027. **trickle** flow in drops
1028. **trifling** unimportant
1029. **troupe** a group especially of actors, singers etc.
1030. **truant** one who shirks his duties
S: Vagrant, idler, Shirker
1031. **trustworthy** Worthy of trust, Reliable
S: Dependable, Honest
A: Vacillating, Undependable
1032. **turbulence** being uncontrolled; violent
1033. **turgid** excessively ornate; swollen or bloated
1034. **turmoil** state of extreme confusion, agitation or commotion
1035. **turmoil** trouble; disturbance
1036. **turquoise** greenish-blue precious stone
- U**
1037. **ulterior** situated beyond
1038. **ultimatum** a final offer or demand as in negotiations
1039. **uncanny** mysterious, astonishing, strange, bizarre
1040. **uncouth** rough; awkward
1041. **underbid** make a lower bid than somebody else
1042. **undermine** weaken gradually at the base
1043. **undertone** quiet voice, murmur, whisper
1044. **undo** loosen, open, unfasten
1045. **unearth** discover and bring to light
1046. **unexceptionable** not open to objection or criticism
1047. **unexceptional** dull, commonplace, typical, ordinary

1048. **unfeigned** *A: Exceptional*
not pretended; sincere
1049. **unilateral** *of occurring on, or affecting one side only*
1050. **unison** *agreement, Harmony*
S: Accord
A: Discord, Enmity
1051. **unprecedented** *never having happened, not known before*
1052. **unrivalled** *With no equal, unmatched*
1053. **unruffled** *Calm, not anxious*
1054. **unruly** *wild, with no discipline, defiant, indomitable*
1055. **unscathed** *unharmed; unhurt*
1056. **unseemly** *inappropriate; indecorous*
1057. **untoward** *unfortunate; inconvenient*
1058. **upheaval** *A sudden, violent change*
1059. **uphill** *(i) Up a slope (ii) Laborious, Tiring*
S: Arduous, Difficult
A: Easy
1060. **uprising** *a revolt against the rulers,*
S: Insurrection
A: Submission
1061. **uproar** *Violent*
S: Confusing, Chaos
A: Peace, Calm, Tranquility
1062. **upsurge** *an increase, rise*
1063. **urbane** *elegant; refined in manners*
1064. **urchin** *a mischievous child*
1065. **usurp** *to take possession by force*
1066. **utopia** *an imaginary ideal place*
- V**
1067. **vacillation** *being uncertain; hesitating*
1068. **vain** *without use, result; conceited*
1069. **valiant** *brave*
1070. **vamp** *Flirtatious woman, coquette, seductress, temptress*
1071. **vandal** *person who destroys property for the pleasure of destruction*
1072. **vanity** *pride, disdain, narcissism*
1073. **varnish** *Adornment, decoration, polish, display*
1074. **vat** *a large vessel*
1075. **veer** *change direction*
1076. **vendetta** *private quarrel between families*
1077. **venom** *poison, toxin, bane, acrimony, ill will, malice*
1078. **veracity** *truth*
1079. **verdant** *fresh and green*
1080. **verdict** *judgement, decision, ruling*
1081. **verve** *spirit; vigor; enthusiasm*
1082. **vestige** *trace or sign*
1083. **veterinary** *Referring to treatment of sick animals*
1084. **vex** *annoy; distress; trouble*
1085. **vice** *evil, iniquity, sin, wickedness, depravity*
S: foible, dishonesty
1086. **vicious** *evil, wild, violent, fierce*
1087. **vigilance** *watchfulness; self-appointed group that maintains order*
1088. **vigilant** *member of a vigilance committee, alert, watchful*
1089. **vigorous** *strong; energetic*
1090. **vile** *extremely unpleasant, wicked, wretched*
1091. **vilify** *slander; say evil things*
1092. **vindicate** *to free from allegation or blame; to justify*
1093. **vindictive** *having a desire to revenge*
1094. **vintage** *old, ancient, antique, Collecting of grapes to make wine*
1095. **virile** *manly, masculine, stalwart*
1096. **visceral** *of the internal organs of the body*
1097. **viscous** *sticky; semi-fluid*
1098. **vitiate** *lower the quality; weaken the strength*
1099. **vivacious** *lively; high-spirited*
1100. **volatile** *changeable; inconstant*
1101. **vollition** *power of choosing or determining*
1102. **voluptuous** *full of pleasure to the senses*
- W**
1103. **wag** *merry person*

1104. **warmonger** *person who stirs up war*
 1105. **warrant** *authority; written order; guarantee*
 1106. **wean** *to turn away (from a habit)*
 1107. **whimsical** *full of odd and fanciful ideas*
 1108. **wince** *show bodily or mental pain*
 1109. **woo** *try to win*
 1110. **wrangle** *to dispute angrily or peevishly*
 1111. **writ** *written order*

Y

1112. **Yarn** *tale, story, fibers for knitting*

Z

1113. **zeal** *intense enthusiasm, ardour, fervour*
S: Easements
A: Apathy, Indifference
 1114. **zenith** *the highest point*
S: Pinnacle, Summit
A: Base, Nadir
 1115. **zest** *(i) keen enjoyment (ii) stimulating quality*
S: Gusto
A: Depression, Despondency