

Word List II—Medium Frequency Words

Two chapter

In this chapter, words that have a medium frequency (to be clear, words that are regularly appearing in CAT examinations, but not as frequent as those in Chapter 1) are being discussed. Here even, the treatment has been done in such a manner, that the meaning is given first, followed by the synonym (denoted by the letter S), and antonym (denoted by the letter A).

No.	Word	Definition
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A

1. **abashed** *embarrassed*
2. **abeyance** *suspended action, not being used*
3. **abject** *miserable*
S: Pitiful, Despicable
A: Noble, Lofly
4. **abnegation** *self-denial*
5. **abominate** *to detest, to dislike strongly*
6. **abrogate** *repeal or annul by authority*
7. **absolve** *to free from guilt or duty*
S: Pardon, Exonerate
A: Accuse, Inculpate
8. **abstemious** *restraint, especially of food and alcohol*
9. **abstinence** *keeping away from all food, liquor, etc.*
S: Moderation, Temperance
A: Excess, Wantonness

10. **abut** *border on, next to*
11. **acarpous** *effete; no longer fertile; worn out*
12. **accentuate** *emphasise*
S: Stress, Highlight, Underline
A: De-emphasise, Hide
13. **acclimate** *to adapt, get used to*
14. **accretion** *growing of different things into one*
15. **acoustics** *branch of physics dealing with sound*
16. **acrophobia** *an abnormal fear of being in high places*
17. **ad infinitum** *forever, endlessly*
18. **addendum** *something added as a supplement*
19. **ad hoc** *for a specific purpose, Specially arranged for a purpose*
20. **adjunct** *something added; assistant*
21. **ad-lib** (i) *Improvise*
S: Spontaneous, Extemporised
A: Rehearsed, Deliberate
(ii) *Do as one pleases*
22. **adumbrate** *to suggest or hint; overshadow*
23. **ad-valorem** *in proportion to the estimated value of goods*
24. **aegis** *Shield, Protection*
25. **aestival** *appearing in summer*
26. **affectation** *artificial, behaviour*
S: Pretence, Artificiality, Un-naturalness
A: Simplicity, Naivete

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| 27. afforest | convert into forest
A: Deforest, Denude | 51. androgynous | hermaphrodite, having characteristics of both sexes |
| 28. affray | fight in a public place, battle
S: Conflict, fight
A: Tranquillity, Peace | 52. anecdote | a short entertaining account of a real event or person |
| 29. affront | insult openly
S: Provoke, Humiliate
A: Placate, Please | 53. anodyne | dull, Unlikely to cause offence, that relieves pain (Drug) |
| 30. aggrandise | to make greater, more powerful, richer
S: Exalt, Advance
A: Degrade, Debase | 54. antagonism | opposition or hostility
S: Antipathy, Enmity
A: Harmony, Accord, Agreement |
| 31. agnostic | one who believes that it is impossible to know if God exists
A: Theist | 55. antecedent | that which goes before something else |
| 32. agnostic | non-committal | 56. anthology | collection of literary works |
| 33. akimbo | with hands on hips and elbows bent outwards | 57. antipathy | strong dislike
S: Hatred, Repugnance, Abhorrence
A: Honour, Admiration, Love, Esteem |
| 34. albeit | although | 58. antithesis | a contrast of position (especially of ideas) |
| 35. alchemy | chemistry of the middle ages with the chief aim of changing base metals to Gold | 59. antithetical | direct opposing |
| 36. algorithm | a special way of solving a mathematical problem | 60. apartheid | brutal racial discrimination |
| 37. allegory | a story in which people, things, events have a symbolic meaning | 61. apathy | lack of emotion
S: Indifference, Passiveness
A: Care, Sympathy |
| 38. allude | to refer indirectly | 62. aphasia | loss of the power to use or comprehend words |
| 39. alter ego | one's other self, a constant companion
A: Enemy | 63. aplomb | self-confidence |
| 40. altercate | to dispute angrily or noisily | 64. apogee | a point farthest from a heavenly body, the earth, powerful position |
| 41. ambidextrous | able to use the left hand or the right equally well | 65. apologue | moral fable especially one in which animals speak |
| 42. ambivalent | having both of two contrary meanings | 66. apparition | a ghost |
| 43. ameliorate | improve; to make or become better
S: Improve
A: Worsen | 67. appendage | thing added to something larger or a natural part of a large thing
S: Adjunct, Addition |
| 44. amnesty | a general pardon (especially for political offences)
A: Punishment | 68. approbation | approval |
| 45. amortise | end (a debt) by setting aside money | 69. appurtenance | a minor possession or piece of property |
| 46. anachronism | anything out of its proper historical time | 70. apropos | appropriate to the situation; apt |
| 47. anagram | a word made by rearranging letters | 71. archetype | an original model, Prototype, ideal model which is not changed |
| 48. anamnesis | recollection (especially of previous existence) | 72. ardour | enthusiasm |
| 49. anathema | something loathed; curse | 73. arduous | steep; difficult; ascent; laborious |
| 50. anchorite | a religious recluse, hermit | 74. argot | jargon; slang |
| | | 75. arrant | in the highest degree, total |
| | | 76. artifice | skill or ingenuity, Trickery
S: Wile, Guile, Fraud, Cunning
A: Innocence, Candour, Honesty |
| | | 77. ascribe | consider to be the origin of or belonging to |

78. **aseptic** *surgically clean*
 79. **asinine** *stupid, foolish*
S: Silly
A: Learned, Knowledgeable
 80. **askance** *to look with suspicion*
 81. **askew** *not in a straight or level position*
S: Awry, Crooked
 82. **asperity** *roughness; harshness; ill temper; irritability*
 83. **asseverate** *to state positively, Assert*
 84. **assuage** *make something (pain, desire) less*
 85. **astute** *clever, quick at seeing to get an advantage*
 86. **asunder** *into pieces*
S: Apart
A: United, Harmonious
 87. **athwart** *lying across, side-wise*
S: Across, Against, Crosswise
 88. **atrophy** *wasting away or failure to grow (especially of body tissue)*
 89. **attenuate** *make thin; weaken; enervate*
 90. **attrition** *wearing away by or as by friction*
 91. **atypical** *not typical*
S: Abnormal
A: Typical, Normal
 92. **augury** *omen; sign*

B

93. **babel** *a scene of confusion of noises, sounds, etc.*
S: Confusion
A: Distinctness
 94. **badinage** *Playful talk*
S: Banter
A: Discourse
 95. **bagatelle** *thing of little value, trifle, game*
 96. **bauble** *a trinket, worthless thing*
 97. **balderdash** *odd mixture, nonsense*
S: Drivel, Gibberish
A: Wisdom, Logic
 98. **baneful** *causing harm or ruin; pernicious; destructive*
 99. **banter** *playful teasing*
 100. **baritone** *the range of a male voice between tenor and bass*
 101. **bastion** *any strong defence*
 102. **bathos** *anticlimax*
A: Decent
 103. **baulk** *stumbling block (N), To hinder (V)*
S: Hindrance
A: Gratify, Fulfil

104. **bawdy** *indecent, obscene*
A: Decent
 105. **beatify** *to bless; make happy or ascribe a virtue to*
 106. **beatitude** *perfect blessedness or happiness*
A: Curse, Condemnation
 107. **bedlam** *any place or situation with noise and confusion*
 108. **bedraggle** *to make wet, limp or dirty*
S: Wet, Dirty
A: Clean, spotless
 109. **befuddle** *to confuse, Perplex*
 110. **begrudge** *to resent another's success*
 111. **beguile** *to mislead or deprive of; to delight*
 112. **behest** *a command or earnest request*
 113. **belabor** *beat hard*
 114. **beleaguer** *to besiege by encircling, to harass*
 115. **bellicose** *belligerent; pugnacious; warlike*
 116. **belligerent** *(person, nation) waging war*
 117. **benison** *blessing*
A: Curse
 118. **bequeath** *to leave to another by one's will*
 119. **bequest** *arrangement to give something at death*
 120. **besmirch** *to soil, to damage the reputation*
S: Defile, Sully
 121. **bibliography** *a list of writings on a given subject*
 122. **bibliophile** *one who loves or collects books*
 123. **bilious** *bad-tempered*
S: Peevish, Pessimistic
A: Optimistic, Lively
 124. **bilk** *to cheat*
 125. **blasphemy** *profane, abuse of god or sacred things*
 126. **bleary** *Dim or blurred*
 127. **blithe** *cheerful; casual; carefree*
 128. **bluster** *to talk or act with noisy swaggering threats*
 129. **bounteous** *generous, abundant*
S: Benevolent, Liberal, Generous
A: Miserly
 130. **bourgeois** *middle class*
 131. **bovine** *Of an ox or cow, Slow and stupid*
A: Sharp, Intelligent, Sprightly
 132. **braggart** *An offensively boastful person*
 133. **brevity** *Brief*
S: Brief, Short, Terse, Concise
A: Lengthy, Elaborate
 134. **broach** *To start a discussion of*
 135. **brook** *not allow; a small stream*
 136. **browbeat** *to intimidate*
S: Force

137. **brusque**
A: Coax, Cajole
rough and abrupt in manner of speech
S: Curt, Blunt
138. **bucolic**
A: Rambling
rural, rustic
A: Urban
swollen, shaped like a bulb
139. **bulbous**
a defence
140. **bulwark**
able to float; light-hearted
141. **buoyant**
to polish, rub to a shine
142. **burnish**
a strong support
143. **buttress**
S: Bolster, Prop-up

C

144. **cabal**
a scheme or plot; a group of plotters
145. **cadaverous**
of or like a cadaver (Corpse)
S: Pale, Ghastly
A: Cheerful, Youthful
146. **cadence**
rhythmic modulation of sound
147. **cadge**
to beg or get by begging
148. **calligraphy**
art of producing beautiful handwriting
149. **callow**
immature, inexperienced
S: Raw, Unfledged, Inexperienced
A: Mature, Wise, Sagacious
150. **calumny**
slander; aspersion
151. **canard**
a false especially malicious report
S: Hide/Hoax
A: Expose
152. **canker**
a spreading sore
153. **canonise**
to glorify, to declare (a dead person) a saint
154. **canorous**
melodious, Resonant
S: Melodious
A: Harsh, Discordant
155. **capacious**
Roomy
S: Spacious
A: Narrow, Limited, Confined
156. **capitulate**
surrender
157. **capricious**
subject to caprices (Eccentricities), erratic
S: Fanciful, Odd, Whimsical
A: Staid, Steadfast
158. **captious**
Critical
159. **carmine**
a red or purplish red colour
160. **carnage**
extensive slaughter, Massacre
S: Butchery, Destruction
161. **carnal**
of the flesh

162. **carp**
S: Sensual, Lustful, Concupiscent
163. **carrion**
A: Spiritual, Ethereal
to find fault or complain querulously
164. **cartel**
decaying flesh of a dead body
an association of business firms etc. establishing a national or international monopoly
165. **catastrophe**
any sudden, great disaster
S: Calamity, Cataclysm
A: Blessing
166. **catatonic**
immobile
167. **catechise**
to question searchingly
168. **caucus**
a meeting of a party or faction (Usually derogatory)
169. **cavalcade**
A procession, Sequence of events
170. **cavil**
to raise trivial and frivolous objection
171. **centurion**
leader of a unit of 100 soldiers
172. **cerebrate**
to think
173. **charlatan**
quack or fraud
174. **chary**
cautious; wary
175. **chastisement**
punishment
176. **chauvinist**
a blindly devoted patriot
177. **chequered**
Marked by vicissitudes
178. **chivy**
to tease or annoy with persistent petty attacks
179. **choleric**
irritable; bad-tempered
180. **churl**
bad-tempered person
181. **closure**
closing device (in Parliament) to end a debate by voting
182. **coagulation**
change to a thick and solid state
183. **coalescing**
coming together and uniting into one substance
184. **coddle**
treat with care and tenderness
185. **coeval**
of the same period; coexisting
186. **cogent**
strong; convincing
187. **cognomen**
surname, last name
188. **coherent**
sticking together, logically connected
S: Unity
A: Separation
189. **collateral**
a) Parallel or corresponding
S: Secondary, Parallel, Concurrent
b) Security towards a loan
190. **comity**
courtesy
S: Friendly
A: Hostility
191. **commemorate**
keep the memory of
192. **commodious**
having plenty of space for what is needed

193. **complaisance** *tending to comply; obliging willingness to please*
194. **complement** *the amount needed to fill or complete*
195. **compliment** *a formal act of courtesy, praise*
S: Flatter, Felicitate
A: Disparage, Censure, Blame
196. **conciliatory** *reconciling; soothing; comforting; mollifying*
197. **concomitant** *accompanying*
198. **condescend** *to deal with others patronisingly, do something below one's dignity; comedown*
199. **congeal** *make or become stiff and solid*
200. **congenital** *existing from birth; inherent*
201. **conjecture** *inferring or predicting from incomplete evidence*
S: Guesswork
A: Affirmation
202. **connoisseur** *a person with good judgement (e.g., in art)*
203. **connotation** *suggestion in addition to*
204. **connubial** *Of marriage, Conjugal*
S: Matrimonial
205. **conscientious** *governed by one's conscience*
S: Scrupulous, Painstaking
206. **console** *give comfort or sympathy to*
207. **conspectus** *a general view*
S: Summary
208. **consternation** *surprise and fear; dismay*
209. **consummate** *perfect; make perfect, complete*
210. **condemn** *to scorn or despise*
211. **contemptible** *deserving contempt, scorn*
S: Despicable, Mean, Cowardly
A: Good, Worthy, Brave
212. **contemptuous** *full of contempt, scornful*
213. **contentious** *argumentative; pugnacious; combative; quarrelsome*
214. **contiguous** *touching; neighboring*
215. **contingent** *a) a group of people sharing particular characteristics b) dependent c) troops part of a larger force*
216. **convivial** *fond of feasting, drinking and good company*
217. **convoluted** *complicated; coiled; twisted*
218. **cordon** *line (of police acting as a guard)*
219. **corporeal** *physical of or for the body*
220. **corpulent** *having a large bulky body*
221. **countervail** *counterbalance*
222. **covert** *disguised*
223. **cozen** *to cheat*
224. **cravat** *piece of linen worn as a necktie*
225. **craven** *cowardly*
226. **credulous** *ready to believe things*
227. **crotchety** *highly individual and usually eccentric opinion*
- D**
228. **dank** *disagreeably damp*
S: Moist, Soggy, Wet
229. **dapper** *small and active*
S: trim, Neat
A: Awkward, Untidy
230. **dastard** *coward*
231. **daunt** *intimidate; make fearful*
232. **dawdler** *person who is slow; waste of time*
233. **debauch** *to corrupt*
S: Corrupt, Debase, Defile
234. **debilitate** *to make weak*
S: Enervate
A: Strengthen, Invigorate
235. **debonair** *dashing, Courteous*
236. **decadence** *A process, condition or period of decline as in morals, art, etc.*
237. **decant** *Pour off*
238. **decimate** *To destroy or kill a large part of*
239. **defalcate** *to steal or misuse funds entrusted to one*
S: Embezzle
240. **deferential** *showing respect*
241. **defray** *to pay*
S: Settle, Adjust
242. **defunct** *A: Decamp, Repudiate, Disown*
no longer existing
S: Extinct, Dead
A: Alive, Fashionable
243. **deify** *to look upon as a God*
244. **deign** *to condescend; to give*
245. **delineate** *to portray, depict, sketch out*
246. **deluge** *great flood; heavy rush of water*
247. **delusion** *a false belief, the act of deluding*
S: Hallucination, Illusion, Error
A: Certainty, Reality, Fact
248. **demeanour** *outward Behaviour*
S: Behaviour, Manner, Conduct
249. **denigrate** *blacken; belittle; defame*
250. **deposition** *dethronement; depositing*
251. **deprave** *make morally bad, corrupt*
252. **deprecate** *protest against; express disapproval of*
253. **depredation** *damage caused by an attack or an accident*

254. **deride** to ridicule
S: Taunt, Mock, Scorn
A: Encourage, Cheer, Incite
255. **derision** ridicule; mockery; deriding
256. **descry** catch sight of; see something in the distance
257. **deseccate** to violate the sacredness of
S: Profane, Misuse, Pollute
A: Sanctify, Purify, cleanse
258. **desperado** dangerous criminal
259. **despondency** dejection
S: Melancholy, Depression
A: Buoyancy, Elation
260. **desultory** aimless; haphazard; digressing at random
261. **detention** detaining
262. **devolve** to pass on to another, said of duties, responsibilities etc.
263. **diacritic** distinguishing
264. **diaphanous** transparent; gauzy
265. **diatribe** bitter and violent attack in words
266. **dichotomy** division into two parts
267. **diligent** hardworking
S: Perseverance, Earnest
A: Lazy, Careless, Lethargic
268. **dirge** A song, poem, etc., of grief or mourning
269. **disconcert** upset the self-possession of
270. **disconsolate** cheerless; dejected
271. **discursive** wandering from one topic to another
272. **disenchanted** disillusioned; Having lost one's good opinion of something
273. **disencumber** free from encumbrance
274. **disgorge** to pour or let out people or things in a mass
275. **disheveled** untidy
276. **disingenuous** sophisticated; artful; trying to deceive; cunning
277. **disparage** to Discredit
A: Praise, Eulogise
278. **disport** to play
279. **disquiet** to take away the peace or tranquility
280. **disquisition** a long or elaborate spoken or written report
281. **disseminate** distribute (esp. ideas)
282. **distend** to swell, to expand
283. **divestiture** taking off; getting rid of; giving up
284. **doggerel** trivial, poorly constructed verse
285. **dolorous** marked by misery or grief
286. **droll** jesting

287. **dulcet** melodious; harmonious
288. **duress** threats to compel somebody
- E**
289. **ebullience** exuberance; outburst of feeling
290. **ebullient** overflowing with enthusiasm; showing excitement
291. **eclat** brilliant success
292. **efface** to make indistinct
293. **effeminate** show qualities attributed to a woman such as delicacy, weakness, etc.
S: Womanly, Feminine, Unmanly
A: Manly, Masculine, Virile
294. **effervesce** to be lively
S: Buoyant, Gleeeful
A: Staid, Sober, Sedate
295. **effete** infertile; worn out; weak
296. **effrontery** boldness; impudence; arrogance
297. **effusion** unrestrained expression in speaking or writing; Heavy flow
A: Reticence
298. **egalitarian** advocating full political and social equality for all people
A: Fanatic
299. **egregious** flagrant
300. **elision** leaving out a sound or part of a word in pronunciation as in Don't, Let's
301. **elucidate** to make something clear
S: Explain, Illustrate, Clarify
A: Obscure, Confuse, Disorder
302. **emancipate** to set free (a slave etc.)
S: Liberate, Release
A: Suppress, Hold, Restrain
303. **emasculate** to weaken
304. **embargo** any legal restriction of commerce
305. **emollient** soothing to the skin; mollifying
306. **empathy** intellectual or emotional identification with another
S: Understanding, Sensitivity
A: Insensitivity
307. **empirical** relying on experiment
308. **encomium** warm or glowing praise; eulogy; panegyric
309. **endemic** prevalent in or restricted to a particular locality
A: Pandemic
310. **enervate** to deprive of strength, vigour etc.

311. **enfeeble** *S: Weaken, Enfeeble, Devitalise
A: Strengthen, Energise
weaken; deprive of strength; attenuate*
312. **enigma** *something that is puzzling*
313. **ensconce** *to place or settle snugly or securely
A: Estrange, Alienate*
314. **entourage** *A group of personal attendants*
315. **epicurean** *devoted to pleasure (sensual enjoyment)*
316. **epigram** *terse or witty and often paradoxical saying*
317. **epistle** *letter*
318. **equanimity** *calmness of temperament*
319. **equestrian** *of horses or horsemanship*
320. **equipoise** *equal distribution of weight; equilibrium*
321. **equitable** *Fair
S: Impartial, Fair, Just
A: Prejudiced, Partial*
322. **equivocal** *having a double or doubtful meaning; suspicious*
323. **equivocate** *try to deceive by equivocal language*
324. **erroneous** *containing an error
S: False, Inaccurate, Erring
A: Accurate, Genuine, Factual*
325. **escapade** *Reckless adventure*
326. **eschew** *avoid*
327. **esoteric** *abstruse; intended only for a small circle of people*
328. **estrangle** *to turn from an affectionate attitude to an indifferent or unfriendly one
S: Alienate, Withdraw, Disagree
A: Unite, Conjoin, Harmonise*
329. **ethos** *the characteristic attitude, habits etc. of an individual or group*
330. **euphemism** *the use of a less direct word or phrase instead of an unpleasant one*
331. **evince** *to show clearly; to indicate*
332. **exacerbate** *to make more violent, bitter or severe*
333. **exacting** *making severe demands, Strict*
334. **exactitude** *The quality of being exact*
335. **exalt** *to praise, glorify, to raise in rank
A: Degrade, Condemn, Despise*
336. **excision** *pruning*
337. **excruciating** *intensely painful
S: Agonising, Intense, Severe
A: Soothing*
338. **exegesis** *interpretation of a word, passage, etc. in the Bible*
339. **exemplary** *serving as a model or example
S: Model, Pattern*
340. **exhort** *to urge earnestly
S: Urge, Advise
A: Deter, Prevent, Oppose*
341. **exiguous** *scanty
S: Meagre, Small
A: Huge, Enormous*
342. **exoneration** *set somebody clear, free (e.g., from blame)*
343. **exorcise** *to expel (an evil spirit) by incantations, etc.
A: Bedevil*
344. **expansive** *effusive, open
S: Unreserved, Broad, Demonstrative
A: Laconic, Cantankerous*
345. **expatiate** *to roam; wander freely*
346. **expiation** *ending; expiring*
347. **expostulate** *argue earnestly; to dissuade, correct or protest*
348. **expurgate** *to remove obscenity, purify, censor*
349. **extant** *still in existence*
350. **extenuate** *reduce the strength; lessen seriousness; partially excuse*
351. **extirpate** *to destroy; exterminate*
352. **extralegal** *outside the law*
353. **extraneous** *extrinsic; not forming an essential part*
354. **extricable** *that can be freed*
355. **exuberance** *state of growing vigorously; being full of life*
- F**
356. **facetious** *humorous; funny; jocular*
357. **facile** *easily done*
358. **fait accompli** *foreign phrase, thing done beyond recall, accomplished fact*
359. **fallow** *left without seeding after being ploughed to make fertile*
360. **fatuous** *without sense; foolish self-satisfaction*
361. **feckless** *lacking purpose or vitality; ineffective*
362. **fecund** *fertile*
363. **feint** *pretend*
364. **ferret** *discover by searching; search*
365. **fervid** *showing earnest feeling*
366. **fervour** *enthusiasm*

367. **fetid**
 368. **fetter**
 369. **filch**
 370. **filial**
 371. **firmament**
 372. **flay**
 373. **fledged**
 374. **flinch**
 375. **flippancy**
 376. **flounder**
 377. **foible**
 378. **foppish**
 379. **forage**
 380. **ford**
 381. **forebode**
 382. **forestall**
 383. **foretoken**
 384. **forswear**
 385. **fortitude**
 386. **fortuitous**
 387. **fragrant**
 388. **frenetic**
 389. **fresco**
 390. **fritter**
 391. **frivolous**
 392. **fulsome**
 393. **furore**
 394. **furtive**
 395. **fusillade**

S: zeal, ardour; passion, fervent
A: coolness, indifference, impassiveness
stinking
to shackle; put in chains
steal slyly in small amounts
S: Snitch, swipe, pilfer; purloin
befitting a son or daughter
sky
to skin; to excoriate
able to fly; trained, experienced
draw; move back; wince
lack of seriousness
S: levity, pertness, impudence
to struggle to move; to proceed clumsily
defect of character (a person is wrongly proud)
like a man who pays too much attention to his clothes
food for horses and cattle
shallow place in a river (to cross)
to foretell or predict
prevent by taking action in advance, preempt
premonitory sign
renounce; disallow; repudiate
courage
S: Heroism, Spirited
A: Cowardice, Shyness
happening by chance
S: Incidental, Adventitious, Accidental
A: Deliberate, planned
sweet-smelling
frantic, frenzied
art of painting on a plaster surface especially when the surface is moist
to waste (money, time, etc.)
of little value, Trivial, Silly
S: Petty, Worthless, Futile
A: Serious, Important
disgusting; offensive due to excessiveness, insincere praise
a widespread commotion or uproar
done secretly
S: stealthy, clandestine
A: open, apparent
simultaneous discharge of many firearms

396. **fusty**

397. **gabble**

398. **gaff**

399. **gaffe**

400. **gainsay**

401. **galore**

402. **gambit**

403. **garner**

404. **garrulity**

405. **garrulous**

406. **gastronomy**

407. **gazebo**

408. **genealogy**

409. **genesis**

410. **genitor**

411. **genuflect**

412. **gibber**

413. **gizmo**

414. **glean**

415. **glitch**

416. **gloat**

417. **glut**

418. **glutino**

419. **gnome**

420. **gnomic**

421. **graffiti**

422. **grandiose**

423. **grapple**

424. **gravid**

425. **gregarious**

426. **grisly**

S: volley, salvo, broadside
musty; rigidly old-fashioned or reactionary

G

to talk or utter rapidly, or incoherently

S: Chatter, Babble, Jabber
a large hook on a pole for landing fish

a blunder

to deny; to oppose

in abundance, plentiful

S: ample, bounteous, prodigal

A: Scarce, deficient
an action intended to gain an advantage

to gather and save to store up
talkativeness

too talkative

the art of cooking and eating
good food

An open structure with an enjoyable view

recorded history of one's ancestry

origin

a father/parent

to bend the knee as in worship

to speak rapidly and incoherently

A: Enunciate

a gadget, device, mechanism

gather facts in small quantities

a small hurdle or problem

look at with selfish delight

supply too much; fill to excess

sticky

S: Viscous

A: Dry

A dwarf (like an old man) living in a cave

characterised by aphorism

a crude inscription or drawing on a wall or other public surface

impressive, Showy

to seize, to hold tightly

pregnant

living in societies; liking the company

terrifying

S: Horrible, Terrible, Ghastly

427. grizzle
428. grouch
429. guffaw
430. guile
431. gumption

*A: Attractive, Charming, Dainty of a grey colour
to grumble, grouse
to laugh loudly
deceit, wile, cunning, jugglery
initiative and courage
S: Commonsense, Sagacity, Acumen*

432. gustatory
433. gusto

*A: Apathy, Indifference of the sense of taste
zest, enjoyment
S: Relish, Pleasure, Enthusiasm*

434. guttural

*A: Apathy
pertaining to the throat, formed in the throat*

H

435. habitué

one who frequents a certain place

436. hackneyed

*made trite by overuse
S: stereotyped Commonplace, having a wild, wasted, worn look,*

437. haggard

*S: Gaunt, Tired, weary
A: strong, Robust, Exuberant*

438. hallow

to make holy; consecrate

439. hapless

*unfortunate
S: Luckless, Unlucky*

440. harangue

A: Fortunate, Successful, Happy a long passionate speech

441. harbinger

something or somebody that foretells the coming of

442. harrow

to distress; create stress or torment

443. harrowing

upsetting

444. heckle

to harass, (a speaker) with questions or taunts

445. heckle

to harass with questions, challenges or gibes

446. hedonism

the doctrine that pleasure is the principal good

S: Epicureanism, Sensualism, debauchery

447. herculean

*A: Slavery, Servility
calling for great strength, size and courage*

448. hermetic

*S: Rugged, Enduring, Steadfast
sealed by fusion, a closed group*

449. heterodox

opposed to the usual beliefs especially in religion

S: Unorthodox

450. hew

*A: Orthodox
make by hard work cut (by striking)*

451. hiatus

a gap or break as where a part is missing

452. histrionic

of acting

453. hoary

Very old and well known; Grey or white (of hair) with age

454. hobgoblin

Something that causes fear, A frightening apparition

455. hogwash

insincere talk, writing, etc.

456. holster

leather case for a pistol

457. homonym

a word with the same pronunciation and spelling as another but with a different meaning, origin

458. honorific

conferring or conveying honor

459. horology

the science of measuring time or making time pieces

460. horrendous

horrible

S: Frightful, Horrifying, Fearful

A: Appealing, Pleasant, Charming

461. hubbub

noise; confusion

462. hyperbole

extravagant exaggeration

I

463. iconoclast

person who attacks popular beliefs

464. ides

in ancient Roman calendar, 15th day of May, March, July or October or 13th of the other months

465. idiosyncrasy

personal mannerism

466. idolatry

excessive admiration of

467. idyll

a carefree episode or experience

468. igneous

of fire, fiery, type of rock

469. ignoble

dishonorable; common; undignified

470. imbecile

a person with abnormally low intelligence

S: Weak-minded, Deranged, Childish

A: Strong-minded, Intellectual, Genius

471. imbroglio

complicated and embarrassing situation

472. imbue

to permeate with ideas, feelings etc.

S: Pervade, Suffuse, Inspire

A: Discourage, Condemn

473. Immanent

operating within, Inherent

474. **immutable** S: Indwelling
A: Transcendent
475. **impale** that cannot be changed
to pierce with a sharp stake
through the body
476. **impalpable** not perceptible to touch
S: Intangible, Vague
A: Material, Solid, Definite
477. **impeccable** Flawless
S: Immaculate, Faultless, Perfect
A: Defective, Rowdy
478. **imperil** To put in danger
S: Endanger, Hazard, Jeopardise
A: Safeguard, Protect, Preserve
479. **imperious** commanding; haughty; arrogant
480. **imperviousness** not permeable; not moved easily
481. **impetuous** having sudden energy; impulsive
482. **impiety** lack of reverence or dutifulness
483. **impinge** to strike, hit, etc. (on or upon)
S: Strike, Hit
484. **implicate** show that somebody has a share
485. **implosion** collapse; bursting inward
486. **impromptu** without preparation
487. **impropriety** being improper
488. **impugned** challenged; to be doubted
489. **impunity** exemption from punishment,
harm or loss
490. **impute** to attribute; to a cause or source;
ascribe
491. **inchoate** not yet fully formed; rudimen-
tary; elementary
492. **incipient** beginning
493. **incognito** disguised under an assumed
name, rank, etc.
S: Unidentified
494. **incorrigibility** cannot be cured or corrected
495. **incredulous** skeptical; unwilling to believe
496. **incubus** A nightmare
497. **incumbents** official duties
498. **incursion** a raid; a sudden attack
499. **indict** to charge with a crime
S: Accuse, Incriminate
500. **indigenous** native
501. **indite** to compose and write
S: Compose
502. **indubitable** too evident to be doubted
503. **ineffable** too great to be described in
words
504. **Inferno** hell, large fire
505. **Infinitesimal** Too small to be measured
506. **Infraction** a violating of a law or pact

507. **ingenious** S: Violation, Infringement
508. **inimical** A: Compliance, Submission
naïve; young; artless; frank
509. **inkling** harmful
a hint
S: Intimation, Idea
510. **Innate** Inborn, Natural (an innate sense
of style)
S: Intrinsic
A: Extrinsic, Alien
511. **innocuous** causing no harm
512. **inordinate** exceeding reasonable limits
513. **insatiable** that cannot be satisfied
S: Unquenchable, Greedy, Un-
appeasable
A: Appeasable, Quenchable
514. **inscrutable** not easily understood
S: Incomprehensible, Baffling,
Mysterious
A: Obvious, Plain, Evident
515. **inscrutable** incapable of being discovered or
understood
unconcerned; carefree
516. **insouciant** narrow-mindedness; isolated
517. **insularity** rising of people to open resis-
tance to
518. **insurrection** to come between
place here and there
519. **interpose** unwillingness to compromise;
520. **intersperse** stubbornness; intractability
521. **intransigence** uncompromising
522. **intransigent** fearless; brave; undaunted
523. **intrepid** examining one's own thoughts
and feelings
524. **introspection** accustomed to, adapted
525. **inured** to attack verbally; denounce;
526. **inveigh** deprecate
527. **invincible** too strong to be defeated
528. **involute** complex
529. **irascible** irritable; easily angered
530. **irrevocable** final and unalterable
531. **itinerate** to travel from place to place; to
peregrinate

J

532. **jackass** a fool, a blockhead
533. **jalopy** a battered old car
534. **janitor** Attendant, caretaker, doorkeeper
535. **jargon** The terminology of a specific
group or profession
A: confused talk, chatter

536. **jaunt** *an excursion, jaunt, to make a short journey*
 537. **jaunty** *Having a sprightly manner*
S: cheerful, Confident, vivacious
A: gloomy, listless, dull
 538. **jeopardy** *danger, insecurity, peril, hazard*
 539. **jettison** *to get rid of as superfluous or encumbering*
 540. **jinx** *a person or thing supposed to bring bad luck*
 541. **jocose** *full of jokes, merry, playful, jocular*
 542. **jocund** *playful, pleasant, cheerful, merry, jovial*
 543. **john bull** *a person who brings bad luck; a typical Englishman*
 544. **jovian** *of the planet Jupiter*
 545. **judas** *a traitor*
 546. **judicature** *jurisdiction, power of dispensing justice by legal trial*
 547. **jugular** *Pertaining to the neck veins*
 548. **junket** *a picnic, an outing, a spree, a feast, a paid excursion*
 549. **jurassic** *the Jurassic period, very old period*
 550. **jurisprudence** *science of laws*

K

551. **Kaiser** *a German emperor*
 552. **kaleidoscope** *an optical toy showing a changing variety of forms*
 553. **kaleidoscopic** *constantly changing*
 554. **kaput** *Rendered useless; unable to function*
 555. **kickback** *percentage given back to a person who has enabled one to make money*
 556. **kilt** *pleated knee-length skirt of tartan wool, worn by men as part of Scottish costume*
 557. **kindred** *related, congruous, akin*
 558. **kinetic** *related to motion, not static*
 559. **kink** *a whim, a mental twist, imperfection*
 560. **kleptomania** *an abnormal, persistent impulse to steal*
 561. **knap-sack** *a rucksack, a case / bag strapped onto the shoulders*
 562. **knave (nave)** *A false / deceitful fellow, a serving boy*

563. **knead** *press and stretch with the hands to form a firm smooth paste; knead the dough*
 564. **knell** *to ring slowly, toll (omen of death, failure, etc.)*
 565. **knick-knack** *a small trifling toy, plaything, amusement, trinket*
 566. **kurd** *one of the people of Kurdistan*

L

567. **labyrinthine** *to entangle; the state of affairs*
 568. **lacuna** *a blank space, especially a missing portion in a text, etc.*
S: Gap
 569. **laggard** *A slow person, especially one who falls behind*
S: Slowpoke, Dawdler
 570. **lapidary** *(i) Concerned with stone, Engravings on stone (ii) A cutter or polisher of precious stones*
 571. **lascivious** *characterised by or expressing lust*
S: Immoral, Lustful, Lecherous
A: Pure, Chaste, virtuous
 572. **lassitude** *weariness; tiredness*
 573. **laudatory** *expressing or giving praise*
 574. **leer** *A sly, sidelong look showing lust, malicious triumph*
 575. **levee** *formal reception; embankment*
 576. **levitation** *the power of raising a body in the air (against gravity) with no support*
 577. **levity** *lack of seriousness*
 578. **libertine** *immoral person*
 579. **licentious** *morally unrestrained.*
S: Wanton, Lustful
A: Continent, Chaste
 580. **lien** *legal claim until a debt on it is repaid*
 581. **limber** *easily bent, flexible, to exercise in preparation for a sport*
 582. **limbo** *in an uncertain state*
 583. **lionise** *treat as a famous person*
 584. **logistics** *the military science of procuring, maintaining and transporting material and personnel*
 585. **lope** *move along with long strides*
 586. **loquacious** *talkative; garrulous*
 587. **lucre** *riches, money, used chiefly in a derogatory sense*

588. **ludicrous** *causing laughter because it is absurd or ridiculous*
S: Absurd, Laughable, Preposterous
589. **lurid** *shocking, Sensational, Violent*
A: Bright, Pleasant, highly coloured

M

590. **macabre** *gruesome; suggesting death*
591. **maladroit** *tactless; clumsy*
592. **malaise** *A vague feeling of physical discomfort or of uneasiness*
593. **malediction** *curse; execration*
594. **malefaction** *evil deed; crime*
595. **malefactor** *An evil doer or criminal*
S: Wrong doer
596. **maleficent** *baleful*
597. **malevolence** *wishing to do evil*
598. **mammoth** *Huge, Enormous*
599. **maraud** *To raid, Plunder*
600. **martinet** *Strict disciplinarian*
601. **masquerade** *disguise*
602. **maudlin** *sentimental in a silly or tearful way*
603. **maunder** *To talk or move in a confused, aimless way*
604. **maverick** *rebel; nonconformist*
605. **mawkish** *sickly or puerilely sentimental*
606. **mayhem** *Any violent destruction or disorder.*
S: Havoc, Chaos
A: Peace, Tranquility
607. **megalomania** *A mental disorder characterised by delusions of power, grandeur etc.*
608. **melee** *A confused fight, Confused crowd of people*
S: Scuffle, Brawl, Affray
A: Order
609. **mellifluous** *sweetly flowing, sweet sounding*
610. **menage** *a household*
611. **mercenary** *working or done for payment only*
S: Venal, Pecuniary, Avaricious
A: Altruistic
612. **meretricious** *attractive on the surface but of little value*
613. **mete** *distribute in portions*
614. **meteoric** *momentarily brilliant*
S: Rapid, Transient

615. **miasma**

616. **microcosm**

617. **middling**

618. **milieu**

619. **minatory**

620. **misogynist**

621. **monomania**

622. **mottle**

623. **munificent**

A: Gradual, Dull, Slow
vaporous exhalation causing disease

a miniature representation of a whole

S: Portion

A: Macrocosm

fairly good but not very good environment, especially a social setting,

S: Background, Atmosphere
menacing; threatening

one who hates women, females
excessive concentration on a single object or idea

surface having colored spots or blotches

characterised by great liberality or generosity

N

624. **narcissistic**

625. **natation**

626. **nebulous**

627. **necromancy**

628. **nefarious**

629. **nemesis**

630. **neologism**

631. **neophyte**

632. **nepotism**

633. **nescient**

634. **nettle**

635. **niggard**

636. **nimbus**

637. **nincompoop**

638. **nit-picking**

conceited, vain

act or art of swimming

cloud-like; hazy; vague

magic, especially that practiced by a witch

very wicked

S: Unlawful, Villainous

A: Virtuous, Innocent

(i) Just punishment, Deserved fate (ii) Goddess of vengeance

new use of a word

person who has been converted to a belief

favouritism shown by a person in high position to relatives especially in securing jobs,

A: Impartiality

ignorant

A: Knowledgeable

to sting, annoy, bother, exasperate

a stingy person, miser

S: Stingy

A: Generous, Spendthrift, Bounteous

a halo, aura, cloud

a stupid, silly person, Fool

S: Simpleton, Stupid, Fool

A: Genius

carping, fault-finding

639. **noisome** *injurious to health*
 640. **noisome** *offensive; disgusting (smell)*
 641. **nonchalant** *not having interest*
 642. **nondescript** *belonging to no definite class or type*
 643. **nonpareil** *unequaled*
S: Unrivalled, Peerless
A: Commonplace
 644. **nonplus** *confuse*
 645. **nonplussed** *greatly surprised*
 646. **nostalgia** *a longing for something far away or long ago*
 647. **nouveau riche** *a newly rich person of poor tastes*
 648. **novitiate** *period of being a novice; house where novices are trained*
 649. **nuance** *A slight variation in tone, colour, meaning etc.*
 650. **nugatory** *trifling; worthless*
 651. **numskull** *stupid, fool*

O

652. **obdurate** *hardened and unrepenting; stubborn; inflexible*
 653. **obeisance** *a gesture of respect*
S: deep bow, Homage, Reverence, Deference
A: Irreverence, Impudence
 654. **oblation** *An offering or sacrifice to God*
 655. **obliterate** *to blot out, to erase,*
S: Delete, Raze
A: Preserve, Build
 656. **oblivion** *Forgetfulness*
S: Obscurity
 657. **obloquy** *abusively detractive language; sharp criticism*
 658. **obviate** *to make unnecessary; get rid of*
 659. **occult** *(i) Hidden, mysterious (ii) Supernatural, Magical*
 660. **ocular** *of, for, or like the eye*
 661. **odoriferous** *giving off an odour; especially a fragrant one*
S: Fragrant, Sweet-smelling
A: Malodorous
 662. **officious** *too eager or ready to help; offer advice*
 663. **ogre** *in fairy tales and folklore, a man-eating giant*
S: Monster, Demon
 664. **olfactory** *of the sense of smell*
 665. **oligarchy** *a government in which a few persons have the ruling power*

666. **omnipotent** *having unlimited power or authority,*
S: All-powerful
A: Weak, Powerless
 667. **omnipresent** *present at all places at all times*
 668. **onerous** *needing effort; burdensome*
 669. **opiate** *anything quieting*
 670. **oracle** *the revelation by a medium or priest*
 671. **ornithology** *the branch of zoology dealing with the study of birds*
 672. **ossify** *to turn to bone; to settle rigidly into an idea*
 673. **ostensible** *seeming; appearing as such; professed*
 674. **ostracism** *shut out from society; refuse to meet, talk*
 675. **overweening** *presumptuously arrogant; being a jerk*

P

676. **palpitate** *tremble; beat rapidly and irregularly*
 677. **paltry** *very small*
 678. **panegyric** *formal praise; eulogy*
 679. **panorama** *perspective, land*
 680. **paper tiger** *a person or thing that is threatening but is actually weak*
 681. **parry** *block*
 682. **parsimonious** *too economical; miserly*
 683. **pedantic** *bookish; showing off learning*
 684. **pellucid** *transparent; easy to understand*
 685. **per se** *by itself*
 686. **perambulate** *to travel over or through (esp. on foot)*
 687. **percipient** *capable of perception; discerning*
 688. **peripatetic** *wandering*
 689. **perspicacity** *quick judging and understanding*
 690. **pestilent** *deadly*
 691. **petrous** *like a rock, hard, stony*
 692. **phalanx** *a group of similar things standing close*
 693. **pied** *of mixed colors*
 694. **piffle** *nonsense*
 695. **pillage** *rob or steal with violence*
 696. **piquant** *agreeably pungent; stimulating*
 697. **plaintiff** *a person who brings a case against another in the court*
 698. **platitude** *a trite or banal statement; unoriginality*

699. **plumb** get to the root of
 700. **plummet** fall; plunge steeply
 701. **poignant** deeply moving; keen
 702. **pollster** a person who takes opinion polls
 703. **ponderous** heavy; bulky; dull
 704. **posit** to postulate; to suggest
 705. **potentate** ruler; one who wields great power or sway
 706. **prate** to talk long and idly
 707. **precepts** rules establishing standards of conduct
 708. **preclude** prevent; make impossible
 709. **predilection** special liking; mental preference
 710. **premonition** a feeling that something bad is about to happen
 711. **presage** warning sign
 712. **presumption** arrogance
 713. **preternatural** not normal or usual
 714. **primp** to dress or arrange in a careful or finicky manner
 715. **probity** uprightness; incorruptibility
 716. **prodigious** enormous; wonderful
 717. **profane** worldly; having contempt for God
 718. **profligacy** shameless immorality
 719. **profligate** wasteful; prodigal; extravagant
 720. **prognosticate** to foretell from signs or symptoms; presage
 721. **prolix** tiring because too long
 722. **promiscuous** having many brief sexual relationships
 723. **prosaic** everyday; mundane; commonplace
 724. **proscribe** denounce as dangerous
 725. **protracted** prolonged
 726. **pucker** wrinkle
 727. **pugnacious** fond of, in the habit of fighting
 728. **puissance** strength
 729. **pundit** pedant; authority on a subject
 730. **purvey** provide supply

Q

731. **quadruped** an animal with four legs
 732. **quadruple** multiply four times
 733. **quail** lose courage; turn frightened
 734. **quaintness** Pleasing, odd and old fashioned
 S: Freakish
 A: Modern
 735. **quandary** state of doubt or perplexity
 736. **quarry** (i) An animal etc. being hunted down (ii) To extract laboriously from books (iii) Excavation made by removing stone

737. **quart**
 738. **quartz**
 739. **quaver**
 740. **quay**
 741. **queasy**
 742. **querulous**
 743. **quick-silver**
 744. **quintuple**
 745. **quittance**
 746. **quiver**
 747. **quixotic**
 748. **quizzical**

measure of capacity for liquids
 any of various types of hard metals
 To shake or tremble (of voice or sound)
 landing place
 Squeamish, Easily nauseated
 habitually complaining
 very quickly, like lightning, mer-
 cury
 multiply five times
 Discharge from a debt
 skate slightly, holder for arrows
 generous; unselfish
 amused

R

749. **rabid**
 750. **raffish**
 751. **ragamuffin**
 752. **rakish**
 753. **ramify**
 754. **ramshackle**
 755. **rancorous**
 756. **rapacious**
 757. **raucous**
 758. **ravenous**
 759. **recant**
 760. **recapitulate**
 761. **recompense**
 762. **recondite**
 763. **recumbent**
 764. **recuperate**

Violent, Intense
 S: Frantic, Fanatical
 A: Sober, Sane, Rational
 low; vulgar
 ragged; often disreputable person
 (i) Gay and dashing, Carefree
 (ii) Looking smart and as if built for speed
 to be divided or subdivided; to branch out
 loose and rickety, Likely to fall to pieces
 S: Shaky
 feeling bitterness; spitefulness
 greedy (esp. for money)
 hoarse, Irritating
 greedy, very hungry
 S: Voracious
 A: Assuaged, Full
 take back as being false; give up
 To repeat, To summarise
 make payment to reward; punish
 little known; abstruse
 lying down, reclining
 become strong after illness, loss, exhaustion
 formidable; causing fear
 stubborn; unmanageable; untractable
 to freshen or polish again
 The act of going back,
 S: Reversion, Retrogression
 A: Progress, Advancement
 say or do again several times
 to consign or assign especially to an inferior position

765. **redoubtable**
 766. **refractory**
 767. **refurbish**
 768. **regression**
 769. **reiterate**
 770. **relegate**

771. **reminiscence** remembrance
 772. **remiss** careless
S: Negligent, Unmindful
A: Careful, Scrupulous, Mindful
 773. **remonstrate** to protest, object
 774. **renaissance** rebirth or revival
 775. **reprisal** recurrence, renewal or resumption of an action
 776. **reprobate** person hardened in sin; one devoid of decency
 777. **repudiate** disown; refuse to accept or pay
 778. **resilience** quality of quickly recovering the original shape
 779. **restive** refusing to move; reluctant to be controlled
 780. **resuscitation** coming back to consciousness
 781. **reticent** reserved; untalkative
 782. **ribald** crude; characterised by coarse indecent humor
 783. **rivet** fix; take up; secure metal pin
 784. **rotund** rich and deep; plump and round
 785. **rumple** make rough
S: Latent, Mysterious, Secretive
A: Plain, Clear, Evident, Worldly

S

786. **sacrosanct** most sacred or holy; immune from criticism or violation
 787. **sagacious** having sound judgment; perceptive; wise like a sage
 788. **sally** (i) Sudden breaking out by soldiers surrounded by enemy
 (ii) lively, witty remark
 789. **salubrious** healthful
 790. **sanguine** cheerful; confident; optimistic
 791. **scruple** minute part or quantity; qualm
 792. **scrupulous** having moral integrity; punctiliously exact
 793. **seamy** Unpleasant or sordid
A: Pleasant, Decent
 794. **sedulous** persevering
 795. **seminal** like a seed; constituting a source; originative
 796. **sere** make hard and without feeling
 797. **shard** piece of broken earthenware
 798. **shibboleth** any phrase, custom etc., peculiar to a certain class, faction etc., a slogan
 799. **shiftless** lacking in resourcefulness; lacking in ambition

800. **shrew** ill-tempered, scolding woman
 801. **sidereal** of or expressed in reference to the stars
S: Starry, Astral
 802. **simper** (give a) silly, self-conscious smile
 803. **simulate** to give a false appearance, Feign
S: Pretend, Imitate, Feign
 804. **sinew** power; chief supporting force
 805. **sinuous** winding, undulating, serpentine
 806. **sire** a father or forefather
 807. **skiff** small boat
 808. **skinflint** miser
S: Niggard
A: Spendthrift
 809. **skittish** Lively, Playful
 810. **slake** to assuage
 811. **sleight** skill with the hands, especially in deceiving onlookers as in magic
 812. **sobriquet** a nickname
 813. **sodden** soaked; saturated
 814. **solicitude** being solicitous, care, concern
S: Anxiety
A: Apathy, Indifference
 815. **sop** something given to appease
 816. **soporific** producing sleep
 817. **sordid** wretched; comfortless
 818. **sot** A habitual drunkard
A: Teetotaler
 819. **sphinx** enigmatic or mysterious person
 820. **squalid** foul; filthy
 821. **squeamish** easily upset; having strong moral views, Stale
A: Original, Fresh, Novel
 822. **stentorian** extremely loud and powerful
 823. **sterling** excellent
S: Genuine, Valuable
A: Spurious, Trivial
 824. **stickler** person who insists on importance of something
 825. **stipulate** state or put forward as a necessary condition
 826. **stodgy** dull, Uninteresting
A: Interesting, Attractive, Magnetic
 827. **stoical** showing indifference to joy, grief, pain, etc.
S: Insensitive
A: Sensitive
 828. **stolid** showing no emotion; impassive
 829. **strait-laced** narrowly strict in behaviour or moral views

830. **striated** *striped; grooved or banded*
831. **stricture** *something that limits; adverse criticism*
832. **stupefy** *to amaze, stun*
833. **stupendous** *astonishing*
S: Amazing, Prodigious
A: Minuscule, Meager
834. **suborn** *induce by bribery; to commit perjury*
835. **subpoena** *written order requiring a person to appear in a law court*
836. **succinct** *clear and brief, terse*
S: Concise
A: Circumlocutory
837. **succor** *assistance, relief in time of distress*
838. **sumptuous** *magnificent*
839. **supernal** *Celestial, Heavenly*
S: Divine
A: Earthy
840. **supernumerary** *an extra person or thing*
841. **supervene** *to come or happen, a something additional or unexpected*
842. **supine** *lying on the back; slow to act; passive*
843. **suppliant** *asking humbly; beseeching*
844. **supplicate** *make a humble petition to*
845. **surcease** *an end or cessation*
S: Ceasing
846. **surfeit** *satisfy; feed to fulness or to excess*
847. **surmise** *to guess*
S: Assume
A: Certainty
848. **surrogate** *a substitute or deputy*
849. **susceptibility** *sensitiveness*
850. **swill** *to drink greedily*
851. **sylvan** *Rural, Rustic*
852. **synchronism** *to cause to happen at the same time or rate*
- T**
853. **taciturn** *untalkative, silent*
854. **talon** *claw of a bird of prey*
855. **tamp** *tap or drive down by repeated light blows*
856. **tantamount** *equal in value, effect etc.*
857. **tardy** *(i) Late, Delayed, Dilatory (ii) Slow moving*
A: Prompt, Punctual, Ready
858. **tautology** *a repetition, redundancy*
859. **taxidermy** *the art of preparing, stuffing, etc. the skins of animals to make them appear lifelike*
860. **teeny-bopper** *a faddish young teenager, especially a girl of the 1960s*
861. **temerity** *boldness; brashness; intrepidity*
862. **temperance** *abstinence from alcohol; self-control; moderation*
863. **tempestuous** *of or like a tempest, violent*
S: Stormy
A: Sedate, Calm, Peaceful
864. **temporal** *of time*
865. **temporise** *to give temporary compliance, evade decision*
866. **tenacity** *firmness; persistency*
867. **tendentious** *biased*
868. **terse** *brief and to the point*
869. **tete-a-tete** *a private conversation between two people*
870. **thrall** *enslave*
871. **timorous** *fearful; timid*
872. **tincture** *a light colour, tinge*
873. **tinsel** *superficial adornment*
874. **titillate** *to excite pleasurably*
S: Stimulate, Excite
A: Repulse, Disgust, Annoy
875. **toady** *obsequious flatterer*
876. **topography** *description of surface features of a region on maps and charts*
877. **torpid** *sleeping; sluggish; lethargic; dormant*
878. **torpor** *dullness, lack of energy*
S: Inactivity
A: Enthusiasm, Involvement
879. **torque** *twisting force causing rotation*
880. **tractable** *easily controlled or guided*
881. **transfigure** *to transform so as to glorify.*
A: Mutilate, Destroy
882. **transfix** *to make motionless as if impaled*
S: Petrify, Paralyse
A: Animate, Rejuvenate
883. **transient** *temporary; fleeting*
884. **transitory** *brief*
885. **transvestite** *a person who gets sexual pleasure from dressing in clothes of the opposite sex*
886. **travail** *(i) very hard work, laborious effort (ii) Pains of child birth*
887. **traverse** *A farcical imitation in ridicule*
888. **travesty** *parody; imitation, bad representation*

889. **trite** not new, much used
 890. **truce** (agreement) stop of fighting for a time
 891. **trudge** walk heavily
 892. **truism** a statement, the truth of which is obvious
 893. **truncate** to cut off a part or top
 894. **tryst** a secret meeting
 895. **tumid** swollen, bulging,
 S: Distended,
 A: Shrunk, Reduced, Concise
 896. **turbid** muddy; having the sediment stirred up
 897. **tutelage** guardianship, care, instruction
 898. **tyro** tiro; beginner

U

899. **ubiquitous** present everywhere
 900. **ululate** to howl, hoot or wail loudly
 901. **umbra** A shadow from a planet or satellite on the side opposite the sun
 902. **umbrage** offense; resentment
 903. **undulate** to move in wavelike fashion; fluctuate
 904. **unencumbered** easy-going; trifle
 905. **unequivocal** having one meaning, Clear
 S: Plain, Clear
 A: Ambiguous, Confusing, Vague
 906. **unfounded** without any basis in truth
 907. **unhinge** mentally unstable
 S: Unsettled
 A: Sane, Rational, Calm
 908. **unmitigated** absolute
 S: Complete
 909. **unpalatable** not pleasant to the taste, sickening
 910. **unsavoury** disgusting, unpleasant, disagreeable, notorious
 911. **unscrupulous** not restrained by moral scruples
 S: unprincipled
 A: Scrupulous, Conscientious
 912. **unversed** with no experience
 913. **unwary** who does not take care, careless person
 914. **unwieldy** large and awkward
 915. **upbraid** to scold, censure, rebuke
 916. **upbraid** scold; reproach
 917. **upheaval** great change, cataclysm
 918. **usurer** a person who lends money at high interest

919. **utilitarian** practical, accessible, within reach
 920. **uxorious** submissively fond of a wife

V

921. **vacuous** with no meaning, silly, vacant
 922. **vagary** strange act or idea
 923. **vagrant** wandering, gypsy, nomadic
 924. **valorous** brave
 925. **vanquish** conquer
 926. **vantage point** place from where you can see well
 927. **vapid** dull, absentminded, silly
 928. **vasectomy** operation on a man to cut the tube through which sperms flow to make him sterile
 929. **vaunt** to boast
 930. **vehemence** forceful way (adj.: vehement = fierce, furious)
 931. **venal** ready to do something dishonest
 932. **veneer** surface appearance covering the true nature
 933. **veneration** regard with deep respect
 934. **venial** excusable
 935. **verbatim** word for word, exactly same words
 936. **verbiage** lot of useless words
 937. **verbose** using more words than necessary
 938. **veritable** real; rightly named
 939. **vertigo** dizziness caused by heights
 940. **vestibule** entrance hall, doorway, approach
 941. **viaduct** bridge, overpass
 942. **vibes** sensation
 943. **vicarious** felt through imagining what other person feels, indirectly felt
 944. **viraginous** of a virago
 945. **virago** a loud domineering woman; a scold or nag
 946. **virology** study of viruses
 947. **virtuoso** person skilled in an art, expert, master
 948. **virulence** great strength (adj.: virulent)
 949. **volubility** fluency; verbosity; easy use of spoken language
 950. **voluble** fluent
 951. **vouchsafe** to grant (often in a gracious manner)

W

952. **waffle** *talk vaguely and without much result*
 953. **waft** *scent; waving movement; carry lightly through*
 954. **wallop** *to beat or defeat soundly*
S: Thrash
 955. **wallow** *to indulge oneself fully in something sensual*
 956. **warlock** *male equivalent or a witch*
 957. **waspish** *bad-tempered, Snappish*
S: Irritable
A: Affectionate
 958. **waylay** *to wait for and attack by surprise*
S: Accost

959. **welter**
 960. **wend**

turmoil; a bewildering jumble to go, proceed

Y

961. **yahoo**
 962. **yokel**
 963. **yule**

a rude or violent person
a person from the country, bumpkin
Christmas

Z

964. **zany**
 965. **zephyr**

a clown or buffoon, half-witted person
a gentle breeze