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### SPELLING BEE PROGRAM

### Elementary Spelling Word List (Including Level I and Level II Words)



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# LEVEL I

<b>abate</b>	to make less in amount, degree, force “ <i>The weatherman said that the storm would <b>abate</b>.</i> ”
<b>abhor</b>	to shrink from in fear; disgust or hatred; detest “ <i>I <b>abhor</b> baiting my fishhook with worms.</i> ”
<b>abode</b>	a place where one lives or stays; home; residence “ <i>He remained in his <b>abode</b>.</i> ”
<b>absurd</b>	so clearly untrue or unreasonable as to be ridiculous “ <i>It was <b>absurd</b> to say the baby could reach the counter.</i> ”
<b>active</b>	lively, busy, agile “ <i>Last night I babysat for a very <b>active</b> two-year old.</i> ”
<b>advise</b>	to give advice or an opinion to; counsel “ <i>The lawyer will <b>advise</b> her client.</i> ”
<b>against</b>	in opposition to “ <i>The student council voted <b>against</b> school uniforms.</i> ”
<b>almond</b>	the edible, nutlike kernel of the small, dry peachlike fruit of a tree “ <i>Modesto is known as an <b>almond</b> growing region.</i> ”
<b>amaze</b>	to fill with great surprise or sudden wonder “ <i>The musician’s talent will <b>amaze</b> the audience.</i> ”
<b>antics</b>	odd and funny; ludicrous; pranks, capers “ <i>The <b>antics</b> of the little monkey made him seem almost human.</i> ”
<b>appoint</b>	to name or select officially for an office, position “ <i>We will <b>appoint</b> a chairman.</i> ”
<b>argue</b>	to dispute or quarrel. “ <i>My friend and I often <b>argue</b> over trivial details.</i> ”
<b>arrange</b>	to put in the correct, proper, or suitable order “ <i>The librarian will <b>arrange</b> the books.</i> ”
<b>ascend</b>	to go upward “ <i>My ears always pop when planes <b>ascend</b>.</i> ”
<b>aspirin</b>	a white crystalline drug used as a pain and fever remedy “ <i>The doctor prescribed <b>aspirin</b> and bed rest for my cold.</i> ”
<b>ballad</b>	a romantic or sentimental song with the same melody for each stanza “ <i>The singer sang a beautiful <b>ballad</b>.</i> ”

<b>ballot</b>	a ticket or paper by which a vote is registered; act or method of voting “ <i>The class president was elected by a written ballot.</i> ”
<b>balsa</b>	a tropical American tree that yields an extremely light and buoyant wood used for airplane models, rafts “ <i>The balsa provides wood for models.</i> ”
<b>bankrupt</b>	a person legally declared unable to pay his debts “ <i>The store’s owner was bankrupt and had to go out of business.</i> ”
<b>banter</b>	to tease or make fun of in a playful, good-natured way “ <i>The children banter with each other.</i> ”
<b>barley</b>	a cereal grass; grain used in making soups, malts and as feed for animals “ <i>My mother added barley to the soup to thicken it.</i> ”
<b>barren</b>	not bringing useful results, unproductive; unprofitable “ <i>The barren field was eroding.</i> ”
<b>barter</b>	to trade for goods or services without using money “ <i>The market offered to barter groceries for custodial work.</i> ”
<b>basin</b>	a washbowl or sink “ <i>Rinse your contact lenses over a basin with the drain closed.</i> ”
<b>believe</b>	to take as true; to have confidence in the promise of another “ <i>I believe in my religion.</i> ”
<b>benefit</b>	promotion of welfare or prosperity “ <i>This project will benefit all mankind.</i> ”
<b>boggle</b>	to confuse or overwhelm “ <i>Her idea would boggle your mind.</i> ”
<b>brief</b>	condensed; short; outline of an argument “ <i>Her synopsis of the story was very brief.</i> ”
<b>burglar</b>	a person who commits burglary “ <i>The burglar was brought to trial.</i> ”
<b>business</b>	a commercial or industrial enterprise “ <i>Starting a new business requires money and dedication.</i> ”
<b>caboose</b>	the trainmen’s car on a freight train, usually at the rear “ <i>The caboose was the last car.</i> ”
<b>caldron</b>	a large kettle or boiler “ <i>The stew simmered in the caldron.</i> ”

<b>career</b>	one's progress through life or in a particular vocation “ <i>She chose her <b>career</b> carefully.</i> ”
<b>casserole</b>	earthenware or glass baking dish, or food cooked in one “ <i>Please bring a vegetable <b>casserole</b> to the pot luck.</i> ”
<b>category</b>	one of the divisions used in a system of classification “ <i>This chemistry book should be placed in the science <b>category</b>.</i> ”
<b>character</b>	a person in a novel, story or play “ <i>The author created a very believable <b>character</b> in this novel.</i> ”
<b>chocolate</b>	a food prepared from ground cacao beans. “ <i>For dessert we are serving <b>chocolate</b> cake.</i> ”
<b>chorus</b>	music written for group singing “ <i>The group joined together for the <b>chorus</b>.</i> ”
<b>collar</b>	the part of a garment that encircles the neck; band or chain or leather for the neck of a dog, cat or other pet “ <i>Laddie wore a jeweled <b>collar</b>.</i> ”
<b>compel</b>	to enforce or constrain, as to do something “ <i>The new laws <b>compel</b> judges to issue the maximum sentence.</i> ”
<b>computer</b>	a programmable electronic device that performs operations on data at high speed “ <i>Knowing how to use a <b>computer</b> can help you get a better job.</i> ”
<b>convert</b>	to change from one form to another “ <i>We learned how to <b>convert</b> fractions to decimals.</i> ”
<b>convoy</b>	a protecting escort, as for ships or troops; a group traveling together “ <i>Destroyers will <b>convoy</b> the troopships.</i> ”
<b>copra</b>	the source of coconut meat or coconut oil “ <i>Hawaii produces a great amount of <b>copra</b>.</i> ”
<b>corral</b>	an enclosure for holding or capturing horses or other livestock; pen; to confine; roundup “ <i>The wild horses were penned in the <b>corral</b> on the ranch.</i> ”
<b>corrupt</b>	spoiled; contaminated; morally unsound “ <i>The <b>corrupt</b> official accepted a bribe.</i> ”
<b>creep</b>	a person or animal that moves along close to the ground; lowest gear in a truck; one-piece garment for a baby; vine with tendrils “ <i>The small bird was a <b>creep</b> searching for insects.</i> ”

<b>crick</b>	a painful muscle spasm or cramp in the neck or back, etc. “ <i>Watching the tennis match gave her a <b>crick</b> in the neck.</i> ”
<b>crimson</b>	deep red color “ <i>The sky, at sunset, became beautifully <b>crimson</b>.</i> ”
<b>crisis</b>	a turning point in the course of anything; decisive or crucial time, stage of event “ <i>His fever reached its <b>crisis</b> at three in the morning.</i> ”
<b>custom</b>	usual practice of behaving; habit; duties or taxes imposed by a government on imported or exported goods “ <i>Having parties at Halloween was the <b>custom</b> of the neighborhood.</i> ”
<b>dampen</b>	to make moist; to deaden, depress or lessen “ <i>She was asked to <b>dampen</b> the clothes so they could be ironed later.</i> ”
<b>dapper</b>	small and neat; trim; active and smart “ <i>He looked <b>dapper</b> in the new suit from his tailor.</i> ”
<b>data</b>	things known or assumed; facts or figures for information “ <i>The computer analyst fed the <b>data</b> into the machine.</i> ”
<b>deafen</b>	overwhelm with noise “ <i>The volume of the loudspeaker will <b>deafen</b> the audience.</i> ”
<b>debark</b>	to unload from or leave a ship or aircraft “ <i>We will proceed to <b>debark</b> the material as soon as the plane stops.</i> ”
<b>decipher</b>	decode “ <i>I could not <b>decipher</b> the doctor’s handwriting.</i> ”
<b>defect</b>	lack of something for completeness; deficiency; forsake one’s cause and join the opposition “ <i>It was on sale because of a <b>defect</b> in the pattern.</i> ”
<b>deflect</b>	to turn or make bend to one side; swerve “ <i>They used their shields to <b>deflect</b> the arrows.</i> ”
<b>deft</b>	skillful in a quick, sure and easy way; dexterous “ <i>With <b>deft</b> fingers, she continued knitting the sweater.</i> ”
<b>depress</b>	to press down; push or pull down; lower “ <i>If you <b>depress</b> this button, water comes out.</i> ”
<b>depth</b>	distance from the top downward; deepness; intensity, as of colors “ <i>They dropped a stone in the well to try to determine its <b>depth</b>.</i> ”

<b>desist</b>	to cease; stop; abstain from action “ <i>The librarian urged them to <b>desist</b> their discussion so others could study and concentrate.</i> ”
<b>dessert</b>	usually the sweet course of a dinner; pie; cake, puddings, etc. “ <i>Lemon pie is my favorite <b>dessert</b>.</i> ”
<b>destroy</b>	to tear down; demolish; to break up; ruin; crush “ <i>The demolition crew will <b>destroy</b> the whole building.</i> ”
<b>detract</b>	to take something desirable away from “ <i>Frowning will <b>detract</b> from the beauty of her face.</i> ”
<b>devoid</b>	completely without; empty or destitute “ <i>Crippled badly from the accident, he was <b>devoid</b> of any way to resume his former occupation.</i> ”
<b>dictionary</b>	wordbook, lexicon “ <i>If you can't spell the beginning of a word, it is hard to look it up in a <b>dictionary</b>.</i> ”
<b>direct</b>	consisting of the exact words of the writer or speaker; to show the way to “ <i>It was a <b>direct</b> quotation by the speaker.</i> ”
<b>discard</b>	to throw away, abandon; get rid of as having no value “ <i>They planned to <b>discard</b> the unwanted clothing.</i> ”
<b>discipline</b>	training that develops self-control or character “ <i>In obedience classes, pet owners learn to <b>discipline</b> their pets consistently.</i> ”
<b>dismal</b>	causing gloom; depressing; bleak; dreary “ <i>It was a dark and <b>dismal</b> day.</i> ”
<b>disrupt</b>	to break up; rend asunder; to disturb or interrupt “ <i>Bringing up the subject will <b>disrupt</b> the orderliness of this meeting.</i> ”
<b>distinct</b>	clearly perceived or marked off; plain, well-defined; individual “ <i>The medal he received showed a <b>distinct</b> and special honor.</i> ”
<b>distract</b>	to draw the mind away in another direction; divert “ <i>In order to take it from the child, we had to <b>distract</b> his attention by allowing him to pet the cat.</i> ”
<b>distress</b>	to cause sorrow or misery; pain; suffering “ <i>Arthritic pain causes <b>distress</b> in her stiff knee when she walks.</i> ”

<b>dither</b>	to be nervously excited or confused “ <i>Before the curtain rose, she was all in a <b>dither</b>.</i> ”
<b>dogged</b>	not giving in readily; persistent; stubborn “ <i>He showed a <b>dogged</b> resistance to all arguments.</i> ”
<b>dormant</b>	sleeping; quiet; still; inoperative; inactive “ <i>Some plants and animals are <b>dormant</b> during the cold weather.</i> ”
<b>dosage</b>	the system to be followed in taking doses, as of medicine “ <i>He forgot to take his <b>dosage</b> of cough medicine.</i> ”
<b>dotting</b>	foolishly fond; excessively “ <i>Sometimes a <b>dotting</b> parent can cause problems for the child.</i> ”
<b>dowdy</b>	not neat or stylish in dress or appearance; shabby “ <i>Many of the candidates appeared <b>dowdy</b>.</i> ”
<b>downy</b>	soft and fluffy, like down “ <i>The child petted the <b>downy</b> chick.</i> ”
<b>draggy</b>	slow moving; lethargic; dull; boring “ <i>Some of us are <b>draggy</b>, especially in the early morning.</i> ”
<b>dreadful</b>	inspiring dread; terrible or awesome “ <i>The volcano’s eruption was <b>dreadful</b>.</i> ”
<b>drizzle</b>	a fine, mistlike rain “ <i>The <b>drizzle</b> was just enough to make the sidewalks slippery.</i> ”
<b>dual</b>	of two; having or composed of two parts or kinds; double “ <i>He had a <b>dual</b> personality, sometimes very kind, sometimes very aloof and severe.</i> ”
<b>dusky</b>	lacking light; dim; shadowy “ <i>In the <b>dusky</b> room, he could only identify outlines.</i> ”
<b>eclipse</b>	the partial or total obscuring of the sun when the moon comes between it and the earth; or of the moon when the earth’s shadow is cast upon it. “ <i>We studied the lunar <b>eclipse</b> in class.</i> ”
<b>edict</b>	an official proclamation or public order made by authority or decree “ <i>The <b>edict</b> issued by the King had to be obeyed by all.</i> ”
<b>efface</b>	to rub out, as from a surface; erase; wipe out; obliterate “ <i>They tried to <b>efface</b> the memory.</i> ”
<b>elude</b>	to avoid or escape from by quickness, cunning, evade “ <i>We will try to <b>elude</b> the traffic congestion.</i> ”

<b>embark</b>	to board a ship, airplane; to begin a journey, an enterprise “ <i>We <b>embark</b> on our journey to Europe at 7:00 p.m.</i> ”
<b>emblem</b>	a visible symbol of a thing, class of people; a sign “ <i>The cross is an <b>emblem</b> of Christianity.</i> ”
<b>emboss</b>	to cover or decorate with designs; to carve, raise or print a design so it is above the surface; embellish; ornament “ <i>She asked her sister to <b>emboss</b> the new chair.</i> ”
<b>emerge</b>	to develop or evolve as something new, improved “ <i>A new town will <b>emerge</b> after construction.</i> ”
<b>employ</b>	to engage services or labor for pay “ <i>The new business is seeking to <b>employ</b> fifty qualified workers.</i> ”
<b>encamp</b>	to set up a campsite; to put in a camp “ <i>The meadow along the river looked like a good site to <b>encamp</b>.</i> ”
<b>enchant</b>	to charm; bewitch; set a spell on as by magic; delight “ <i>Her acting will <b>enchant</b> all who see the play.</i> ”
<b>endorse</b>	to give approval to; support; sanction “ <i>The community will <b>endorse</b> the candidate.</i> ”
<b>endow</b>	provide with money, talent, quality or property, etc. “ <i>In her will, she will <b>endow</b> the hospital with a permanent income.</i> ”
<b>engorge</b>	to devour greedily “ <i>The hungry man seemed to <b>engorge</b> his meal.</i> ”
<b>engross</b>	to occupy one's whole attention “ <i>This book will thoroughly <b>engross</b> him.</i> ”
<b>engulf</b>	to swallow up; overwhelm “ <i>The raging river will <b>engulf</b> the house.</i> ”
<b>enough</b>	sufficient “ <i>Do you have <b>enough</b> clothes for your trip?</i> ”
<b>enrich</b>	to give greater value, importance, effectiveness, etc., to “ <i>The new class will <b>enrich</b> the curriculum.</i> ”
<b>error</b>	mistake “ <i>Be careful that you don't make an <b>error</b> in spelling this word.</i> ”
<b>erupt</b>	burst forth or out; to break out in a rash “ <i>Lava will <b>erupt</b> from the volcano.</i> ”

<b>ethnic</b>	designating any, or of any, of the basic groups or divisions of mankind, having the same customs, characteristics, history or language “ <i>His ethnic background was Italian.</i> ”
<b>excel</b>	to be better or greater than; superior to “ <i>Tests showed he would excel in Social Studies.</i> ”
<b>facet</b>	any of a number of sides or aspects, as of a personality “ <i>They had never seen the generous facet of his personality.</i> ”
<b>facile</b>	not hard to do or achieve “ <i>After years of practice, her violin playing appeared facile.</i> ”
<b>faithful</b>	having or showing a strong sense of duty or responsibility “ <i>My dog is a very faithful companion.</i> ”
<b>famine</b>	any acute shortage “ <i>The people were suffering from the famine.</i> ”
<b>feather</b>	the lightweight body covering of birds “ <i>Use the feather duster to clean these figurines.</i> ”
<b>February</b>	the second month of the year “ <i>Valentine’s Day is February 14<sup>th</sup>.</i> ”
<b>feeble</b>	without force or effectiveness “ <i>Their feeble attempt was not successful.</i> ”
<b>fiction</b>	anything made up or imagined, as a statement or story “ <i>The librarian directed us to the fiction section.</i> ”
<b>flaming</b>	burning with fire; blazing; intensely emotional “ <i>We watched the fire flaming and casting sparks high in the air.</i> ”
<b>flimsy</b>	thin and easily broken or damaged; poorly made and fragile “ <i>The door was flimsy and could not be locked.</i> ”
<b>fluent</b>	moving or flowing smoothly; able to write or speak easily, expressively “ <i>The teacher was fluent in three languages.</i> ”
<b>fracas</b>	noisy fight or loud quarrel; brawl “ <i>They were having a fracas in the hall.</i> ”
<b>furnish</b>	supply, provide or equip; to put furniture into a room “ <i>They decided to furnish the den with modern pieces.</i> ”
<b>gallant</b>	stately; imposing “ <i>The gallant ship cruised into the harbor.</i> ”

<b>gamut</b>	the entire range or extent, as of emotions “ <i>The actress demonstrated the <b>gamut</b> of emotions.</i> ”
<b>garble</b>	to confuse or mix up unintentionally “ <i>Although she had studied the poem, she started to <b>garble</b> it when it was her turn to recite.</i> ”
<b>genius</b>	remarkable intellectual aptitude “ <i>Only a <b>genius</b> can join Mensa, the high IQ society.</i> ”
<b>giraffe</b>	large, cud-chewing animal with a very long neck “ <i>Seeing the <b>giraffe</b> made our trip to the zoo more enjoyable.</i> ”
<b>glisten</b>	to shine or sparkle with reflected light, as a wet or polished surface “ <i>The new car did <b>glisten</b> in the sunlight.</i> ”
<b>glossy</b>	having a smooth, shiny appearance or finish “ <i>The <b>glossy</b> cat was sleeping in the window.</i> ”
<b>goulash</b>	a beef stew with onion, paprika and caraway seeds. “ <i>My Hungarian grandmother’s favorite dish was <b>goulash</b>.</i> ”
<b>govern</b>	to exercise authority over; rule, administer; direct or control “ <i>The officials will <b>govern</b> in an orderly manner.</i> ”
<b>grammar</b>	the system of word structures and word arrangements of a given language at a given time “ <i>In order to speak the language, an understanding of <b>grammar</b> is helpful.</i> ”
<b>granite</b>	a very hard, crystalline, plutonic rock, gray to pink in color, consisting of feldspar, quartz, and smaller amounts of other minerals “ <i>The polished <b>granite</b> shone in the sunlight.</i> ”
<b>graze</b>	to feed on (growing grass, herbage, a pasture, etc.) “ <i>The cattle will <b>graze</b> on the slopes all winter.</i> ”
<b>gritty</b>	of, like, or containing sand; brave; plucky “ <i>Water from the creek left a <b>gritty</b> substance in the bottom of the cup.</i> ”
<b>gruel</b>	thin, easily digested broth made of meal with water or milk “ <i>The hot, tasty <b>gruel</b> did not hurt her sore throat as she swallowed.</i> ”
<b>heckle</b>	to annoy or harass by interrupting with questions or taunts “ <i>The audience began to <b>heckle</b> the speaker.</i> ”
<b>hinge</b>	a joint or device on which a door, gate, lid, etc., swings “ <i>The <b>hinge</b> needed oiling.</i> ”

<b>hobble</b>	to walk lamely or awkwardly; limp “ <i>The horse tried to <b>hobble</b> to the corral.</i> ”
<b>honest</b>	frank and open “ <i>The store owner had an <b>honest</b> face.</i> ”
<b>honor</b>	to respect greatly; regard highly; esteem “ <i>The family met to <b>honor</b> the visiting grandparents.</i> ”
<b>hopeless</b>	impossible to solve, deal with, teach, etc. “ <i>After working on the problem for ten hours, it appeared <b>hopeless</b>.</i> ”
<b>hostile</b>	having or showing ill will; unfriendly; antagonistic “ <i>The lion appeared <b>hostile</b> as the hunter approached.</i> ”
<b>hunger</b>	discomfort or pain caused by lack of food “ <i>My <b>hunger</b> pangs kept me from concentrating on the test.</i> ”
<b>idler</b>	person who does no work; wastes time; lazy person “ <i>No one ever saw him doing things, so they thought him an <b>idler</b>.</i> ”
<b>ignite</b>	to set fire to; cause to burn “ <i>They will <b>ignite</b> the trees with a torch.</i> ”
<b>ignore</b>	to disregard deliberately; pay no attention to; refuse to consider “ <i>The driver appeared to <b>ignore</b> the road signs.</i> ”
<b>impede</b>	to bar or hinder the progress of; obstruct or delay “ <i>Some members tried to <b>impede</b> the program.</i> ”
<b>impish</b>	mischievous “ <i>The child gave him an <b>impish</b> grin and then ran down the street.</i> ”
<b>impose</b>	to force on another or others without right or invitation; obtrude “ <i>Although she did not receive an invitation, she tried to <b>impose</b> on the family.</i> ”
<b>incite</b>	to set in motion, to urge to action; stir up, rouse “ <i>The news of the riot may <b>incite</b> others to act.</i> ”
<b>induct</b>	to lead in; install, as in office; initiate; enroll in the services “ <i>The chairman used a candlelight ceremony to <b>induct</b> new members.</i> ”
<b>inert</b>	having few or no active properties “ <i>The <b>inert</b> gas is not considered to be a danger.</i> ”
<b>inkling</b>	a vague idea or notion; suspicion “ <i>She had an <b>inkling</b> that the biggest present was for her.</i> ”

<b>innate</b>	existing naturally rather than acquired; possessed at birth, inherent “ <i>He has an <b>innate</b> talent for math.</i> ”
<b>inset</b>	to insert into something else; a map set inside the border of a larger one; a piece of material sewed into a garment “ <i>The <b>inset</b> shows the downtown section of the city.</i> ”
<b>inspire</b>	to fill with high or reverent emotion; stimulate to creativity or action “ <i>The concert did <b>inspire</b> him to be a musician.</i> ”
<b>jabber</b>	fast, incoherent, nonsensical talk; gibberish “ <i>No one could understand the <b>jabber</b> of the twins.</i> ”
<b>jacket</b>	a short coat “ <i>This blue <b>jacket</b> would look nice with your new skirt.</i> ”
<b>jagged</b>	having sharp projecting points; notched or ragged “ <i>The <b>jagged</b> edge scratched the smooth surface of the table.</i> ”
<b>jargon</b>	incoherent speech; gibberish; specialized vocabulary and idioms of those in their own line of work “ <i>She recognized the <b>jargon</b> of classmates taking computer classes.</i> ”
<b>jetsam</b>	that part of the cargo thrown overboard to lighten the ship in danger; discardings “ <i>Some of the <b>jetsam</b> they threw overboard might be sorely missed later.</i> ”
<b>jitney</b>	formerly old slang for five cents, a nickel; small car or bus which travels a regular route and charges a low fare for passengers to ride “ <i>The driver of the <b>jitney</b> now charges passengers a dollar.</i> ”
<b>jostle</b>	to bump or push, as in a crowd; elbow or shove roughly “ <i>As the number increased, the crowd began to <b>jostle</b> the players.</i> ”
<b>journal</b>	a brief account of daily events “ <i>We kept a <b>journal</b> of our vacation.</i> ”
<b>kapok</b>	fiber used for stuffing mattresses, sleeping bags, pillows, etc. “ <i>After such a long time of use, the <b>kapok</b> had to be replaced.</i> ”
<b>kettle</b>	a metal container for boiling or cooking “ <i>I'll boil some water in the <b>kettle</b> for your tea.</i> ”
<b>kindling</b>	bits of dry wood or other easily-lighted material for starting a fire “ <i>The campers gathered <b>kindling</b> for the fire.</i> ”
<b>kosher</b>	loosely, prepared according to traditional Jewish recipes “ <i>The <b>kosher</b> pickles were very tasty.</i> ”

<b>ladle</b>	to dip out and pour as with a ladle “ <i>The cook will ladle the soup for each customer.</i> ”
<b>lament</b>	an outward expression of sorrow; lamentation; wail “ <i>A long lament was heard in the garden.</i> ”
<b>lawyer</b>	an attorney “ <i>You should consult your lawyer before signing this contract.</i> ”
<b>lecture</b>	an informative talk given before an audience, class, etc., and usually prepared beforehand “ <i>The history lecture was very interesting.</i> ”
<b>lettuce</b>	any of a genus of plants grown for its edible green leaves “ <i>I'll begin washing the lettuce for the salad.</i> ”
<b>license</b>	a document, printed tag, permit, etc., indicating that such permission had been granted “ <i>The officer asked to see the man's license.</i> ”
<b>lightning</b>	a flash of light in the sky caused by the discharge of atmospheric electricity from one cloud to another or between a cloud and the earth “ <i>The lightning flashed in the sky.</i> ”
<b>limb</b>	an arm, leg, or wing “ <i>He was very lucky; only one limb was broken in the accident.</i> ”
<b>lining</b>	to cause to or to bring to a straight row or conformity; in alignment “ <i>The astronomer was lining up his telescope to look at the stars.</i> ”
<b>linkage</b>	a linking or being linked “ <i>The investigator studied the linkage between the clues.</i> ”
<b>listless</b>	having no interest in what is going on about one, as a result of illness, weariness, dejection, etc., spiritless; languid “ <i>The listless dog lay on the floor by the fire.</i> ”
<b>lonely</b>	alone, solitary “ <i>I was very lonely when I first moved to town.</i> ”
<b>loose</b>	not confined or restrained; free; unbound “ <i>The sails were loose in the breeze.</i> ”
<b>lucid</b>	clearheaded; rational “ <i>The lucid thinker explained the axiom.</i> ”
<b>macaroon</b>	a cookie made chiefly of egg whites, sugar and coconut or almond paste “ <i>I'll bring some macaroon cookies for the bake sale.</i> ”

<b>machinery</b>	the working parts of a machine or instrument “ <i>The workers had the day off when the <b>machinery</b> broke down.</i> ”
<b>mackerel</b>	a fish, commonly used in cat food. “ <i>Canned <b>mackerel</b> is my cat’s favorite food.</i> ”
<b>magnet</b>	a piece of iron or steel that attracts metal “ <i>We use a <b>magnet</b> on our refrigerator to hold our shopping list.</i> ”
<b>margarine</b>	a food product usually made from vegetable oils and skim milk “ <i>Would you like <b>margarine</b> or butter on your toast?</i> ”
<b>medley</b>	a musical piece made up of tunes or passages from various works “ <i>The chorus performed the <b>medley</b> very well.</i> ”
<b>method</b>	a way of doing anything “ <i>What <b>method</b> did you use to arrive at your answer?</i> ”
<b>milling</b>	circular or random motion of or as a herd or crowd “ <i>The ducks were <b>milling</b> around the bread crumbs.</i> ”
<b>mimic</b>	imitative; inclined to copy; to ape; make believe; mock “ <i>The actor could <b>mimic</b> many of his fellow artists.</i> ”
<b>murmur</b>	a low indistinct sound “ <i>Sitting on the patio, I could hear the <b>murmur</b> of the wind in the trees.</i> ”
<b>narrate</b>	to tell in writing or speech “ <i>The teacher began to <b>narrate</b> the story.</i> ”
<b>nectar</b>	any very delicious drink; sweetish liquid in flowers gathered by bees to make honey “ <i>The icy cold lemonade was like <b>nectar</b>.</i> ”
<b>nightmare</b>	a frightening or oppressing dream “ <i>I had a really scary <b>nightmare</b> last night.</i> ”
<b>ninth</b>	the ordinal number 9th “ <i>In many districts <b>ninth</b> grade is the first year of high school.</i> ”
<b>nomad</b>	member of a tribe of people having no permanent home; wanderer “ <i>Like a <b>nomad</b>, he roamed all over the world.</i> ”
<b>notice</b>	a written or printed sign giving some public information, warning or rule “ <i>The public meeting <b>notice</b> was posted all over town.</i> ”
<b>nubby</b>	covered with small nubs, or lumps; having a rough, knotted surface “ <i>The <b>nubby</b> fabric was rough to touch.</i> ”

<b>oblong</b>	longer than broad; elongated, specif., (a) rectangular and longer in one direction than in the other, esp. longer horizontally, (b) elliptical <i>“They wondered what was in the <b>oblong</b> box.”</i>
<b>obstacle</b>	something that stands in the way or opposes <i>“Scaling the wall was the final challenge of the <b>obstacle</b> course.”</i>
<b>occur</b>	to take place; happen <i>“The celebration will <b>occur</b> next week.”</i>
<b>offense</b>	the condition of being offended, esp. of feeling hurt, resentful, or angry; umbrage <i>“His friend took <b>offense</b> from the joke.”</i>
<b>optic</b>	of the eyes; sense of sight <i>“The <b>optic</b> nerve was not damaged.”</i>
<b>orchid</b>	the flower of a tropical plant <i>“As we stepped off the plane in Hawaii, we were given an <b>orchid</b> lei.”</i>
<b>ostrich</b>	a large, swift-running bird of Africa and the Near East, the largest and most powerful of living birds: it has a long neck, very long legs with two toes on each foot, and small, useless wings; the white tail and wing feathers of the male are used in millinery and as trimming <i>“The white <b>ostrich</b> feather adorned her new hat.”</i>
<b>owing</b>	due; unpaid; because of <i>“The balance <b>owing</b> was ten dollars.”</i>
<b>ozone</b>	an unstable, pale-blue gas, with a penetrating odor; it is an allotropic form of oxygen <i>“The <b>ozone</b> layer is very important for man’s survival.”</i>
<b>package</b>	a wrapped or boxed thing or group of things <i>“I hope the <b>package</b> will arrive in the mail today.”</i>
<b>pamphlet</b>	a short publication with no cover <i>“Please send me your <b>pamphlet</b> about summer camp.”</i>
<b>parallel</b>	extending in the same direction and same distance apart <i>“Center Avenue runs <b>parallel</b> to Maple Street.”</i>
<b>partner</b>	a person who takes part in some activity in common with another or others <i>“His <b>partner</b> kept the books, and he did the purchasing.”</i>
<b>passage</b>	permission, right, or a chance to pass <i>“The hunters received <b>passage</b> through the field.”</i>

<b>passive</b>	offering no opposition or resistance; submissive; yielding; patient “ <i>The passive cat was carried to the veterinarian’s office.</i> ”
<b>pastime</b>	something that helps time pass enjoyably “ <i>Cooking and making pastry is my favorite pastime.</i> ”
<b>pasture</b>	to graze or feed on (grass, etc.) “ <i>The cattle will pasture in the meadow.</i> ”
<b>pattern</b>	a regular, mainly unvarying way of acting or doing “ <i>The psychologist will study the animal’s behavior pattern.</i> ”
<b>people</b>	human beings “ <i>A large group of people gathered to watch the parade.</i> ”
<b>perturb</b>	to cause to be alarmed, agitated, or upset; disturb or trouble greatly “ <i>The loudspeaker may perturb the musician in the adjoining room.</i> ”
<b>pesky</b>	annoying; disagreeable; troublesome “ <i>We all swatted at the pesky mosquitoes.</i> ”
<b>pigment</b>	coloring matter, usually insoluble powder, mixed with oil or water, etc., to make paints; coloring matter in the cells, tissues of plants, animals “ <i>Pigment in some plants is increased when they grow in full sun.</i> ”
<b>pilgrim</b>	person who wanders; traveler to shrine or holy place; any member of the English Puritans who founded Plymouth colony in 1620 “ <i>Priscilla was the bride of a pilgrim.</i> ”
<b>plunder</b>	to rob or despoil by force, esp. in warfare “ <i>The military will plunder the village after the battle.</i> ”
<b>polar</b>	opposite in character, nature, direction, etc. “ <i>The twins were polar in their taste in music.</i> ”
<b>poncho</b>	a cloak like a blanket with a hole in the middle for the head “ <i>The warm poncho is valuable in winter weather.</i> ”
<b>portion</b>	share; part of “ <i>They were willing to give up a portion of their food.</i> ”
<b>portly</b>	large and heavy in a dignified, stately way; stout; corpulent “ <i>He bought his clothing in the section for portly men.</i> ”
<b>possess</b>	to have as an attribute, quality, faculty, etc. “ <i>The man is known to possess wisdom.</i> ”
<b>posture</b>	the position or carriage of the body in standing or sitting; bearing “ <i>Good posture is important for good health.</i> ”

<b>powder</b>	any dry substance in the form of very fine, dustlike particles, produced by crushing, grinding, etc. “ <i>Without rain, the soil became a powder.</i> ”
<b>prepare</b>	to make ready, usually for a specific purpose “ <i>How are you going to <b>prepare</b> for the spelling competition?</i> ”
<b>prior</b>	preceding in time; earlier; previous “ <i>References from a <b>prior</b> employer were needed.</i> ”
<b>proceed</b>	to advance or go on; to move along or to be carried on; come forth “ <i>After answering this question, please <b>proceed</b> to the next.</i> ”
<b>prompt</b>	quick to act or do; ready; punctual; done, spoken, without delay “ <i>A good example will help to <b>prompt</b> him to turn in his homework.</i> ”
<b>prosper</b>	succeed; thrive; grow vigorously; wealth; good fortune “ <i>Having found the right soil conditions, his crop began to <b>prosper</b>.</i> ”
<b>prying</b>	improperly curious or inquisitive “ <i>Someone was <b>prying</b> into her personal affairs.</i> ”
<b>raccoon</b>	a small carnivore of North America, usually nocturnal “ <i>A <b>raccoon</b> raided our campsite while we were asleep.</i> ”
<b>rally</b>	to summon or bring together for a common purpose; assist; support a cause “ <i>He was sent to <b>rally</b> the retreating troops.</i> ”
<b>rampant</b>	growing luxuriantly; flourishing “ <i>The roses were <b>rampant</b> in the garden.</i> ”
<b>ransom</b>	consideration paid for the release of a captured person “ <i>The kidnapper demanded \$500,000 in <b>ransom</b> for the child.</i> ”
<b>raspberry</b>	small round fleshy red or black berry “ <i>These <b>raspberry</b> preserves won a blue ribbon at the county fair.</i> ”
<b>rating</b>	a placement in a certain rank or class “ <i>The program received the top <b>rating</b>.</i> ”
<b>razor</b>	sharp-edged cutting instrument for shaving or cutting off hair “ <i>No one was allowed to use his <b>razor</b>.</i> ”
<b>react</b>	to act in return or reciprocally “ <i>The director did not expect the actress to <b>react</b> that way.</i> ”
<b>receive</b>	to take into one's hand or possession “ <i>I hope I <b>receive</b> a portable CD player for my birthday.</i> ”

<b>redeem</b>	to get back; recover, as by paying a fee “ <i>The renter wants to <b>redeem</b> his deposit.</i> ”
<b>refuge</b>	a place of safety; shelter; safe retreat “ <i>The deer sought a <b>refuge</b> from the hunters.</i> ”
<b>relent</b>	to soften in temper; become less severe, stern, stubborn “ <i>Perhaps he will <b>relent</b> and allow you to go if you promise to return early.</i> ”
<b>remnant</b>	what is left over; remainder; residue “ <i>The small piece of cloth left from the bolt will sell as a <b>remnant</b>.</i> ”
<b>render</b>	to give, hand over, submit, as for approval; to give in return “ <i>When you finish shopping, the clerk will <b>render</b> a bill for payment.</i> ”
<b>rescue</b>	to free or save from danger, imprisonment, evil, etc. “ <i>He was a hero because the <b>rescue</b> had been a success.</i> ”
<b>retain</b>	to keep in mind “ <i>After studying the words for six weeks, we should <b>retain</b> most of them.</i> ”
<b>retrieve</b>	to get and bring back “ <i>That dog certainly loves to <b>retrieve</b> the ball.</i> ”
<b>revenge</b>	to inflict damage, injury, or punishment in return for an injury, insult, etc. “ <i>The leaders plotted <b>revenge</b> for the bombing.</i> ”
<b>riddle</b>	any puzzling, perplexing, or apparently inexplicable person or thing, as a difficult problem or enigmatic saying: enigma “ <i>Rita recited the <b>riddle</b>, and Roger responded.</i> ”
<b>romaine</b>	a variety of lettuce “ <i>Caesar salad recipes usually call for <b>romaine</b> lettuce.</i> ”
<b>roommate</b>	one of two or more persons sharing a room “ <i>Luckily, my <b>roommate</b> at camp didn't snore.</i> ”
<b>ruin</b>	the remains of a fallen building, city, etc., or something destroyed, devastated, decayed, etc. “ <i>The explorer discovered the <b>ruin</b> deep within the jungle.</i> ”
<b>rumor</b>	definite talk not based on knowledge; hearsay; gossip “ <i>We have heard a <b>rumor</b> that there will be no test tomorrow.</i> ”
<b>rustle</b>	to make or cause to make an irregular succession of soft sounds “ <i>The leaves <b>rustle</b> in the wind.</i> ”

<b>safety</b>	freedom from danger; security “ <i>Safety precautions are very important both at home and at school.</i> ”
<b>scarlet</b>	very bright red with a slightly orange tone “ <i>The scarlet car captured everyone’s attention.</i> ”
<b>scissors</b>	a cutting instrument with handles and a pair of blades “ <i>Using sewing scissors for cutting paper makes them dull.</i> ”
<b>scribble</b>	illegible or careless handwriting; scrawl “ <i>The doctor’s scribble was hard to read.</i> ”
<b>scurry</b>	to run hastily; scamper “ <i>The rabbits will scurry through the woods.</i> ”
<b>secure</b>	free from fear, care, doubt, or anxiety; not worried, troubled, or apprehensive “ <i>Within the fort, the cavalry felt secure.</i> ”
<b>sentry</b>	sentinel, esp. any of the military guard posted to warn of danger “ <i>The sentry would not open the gate to anyone without identification.</i> ”
<b>session</b>	a school term or period of study “ <i>The fall session of school was about to end.</i> ”
<b>shaky</b>	not firm; weak, unsteady; trembling, not dependable; questionable “ <i>After the earthquake, the walls were shaky.</i> ”
<b>shepherd</b>	a person who herds and takes care of sheep “ <i>The shepherd guarded the flock during the night.</i> ”
<b>signal</b>	a sign or event fixed or understood as the occasion for prearranged combined action “ <i>The bugle will signal the attack.</i> ”
<b>skeptic</b>	person who habitually doubts, questions or suspends judgment on generally accepted matters “ <i>He was such a skeptic that he was known as ‘Doubting Thomas’.</i> ”
<b>skirmish</b>	a brief encounter between small groups, usually an incident of a battle “ <i>The skirmish was quickly forgotten after the peace treaty was signed.</i> ”
<b>slacken</b>	to become less active, intense, brisk “ <i>The runners began to slacken their pace.</i> ”
<b>smoky</b>	emitting smoke, especially in large quantities “ <i>A smoky fire doesn’t provide much warmth.</i> ”
<b>suet</b>	the hard fat about the kidneys and loins of beef and mutton “ <i>I asked the butcher to prepare the suet I need for the plum pudding.</i> ”

<b>surround</b>	to enclose on all sides; encircle <i>“For safety reasons we needed to <b>surround</b> our pool with a fence.”</i>
<b>tactics</b>	any method used to gain an end; esp., skillful methods or procedure <i>“Although successful, his <b>tactics</b> were questioned.”</i>
<b>tarnish</b>	to dull or discolor the surface of a metal object; to spoil, mar or debase a memory; lose luster from oxidation <i>“Silver needs to be polished often or it will <b>tarnish</b>.”</i>
<b>tariff</b>	duty or tax placed by a government on imports and some exports; any list or scale of prices, charges etc. <i>“We felt the <b>tariff</b> was too high.”</i>
<b>technology</b>	applied science <i>“The rate of <b>technology</b> seems to increase every day.”</i>
<b>terrific</b>	extraordinary; astounding <i>“We saw a <b>terrific</b> movie last night.”</i>
<b>threshold</b>	a doorsill, a beginning point <i>“The guest paused at the <b>threshold</b>, stunned by the beauty of the room.”</i>
<b>traffic</b>	the movement or number of automobiles along a street <i>“There is a lot more <b>traffic</b> on the freeway these days.”</i>
<b>tribute</b>	something given, done, or said, as a gift, testimonial, etc., to show gratitude, respect, honor, or praise <i>“Their success was a <b>tribute</b> to his leadership.”</i>
<b>upheaval</b>	the action or instance of lifting up from beneath, especially the earth's crust <i>“Ancient volcanoes caused a great deal of <b>upheaval</b> in this area.”</i>
<b>uproar</b>	loud, confused noise; din <i>“The <b>uproar</b> was very difficult to quiet.”</i>
<b>useful</b>	that can be used to advantage; helpful <i>“The fork is a <b>useful</b> implement.”</i>
<b>utensil</b>	an instrument or container used in a household <i>“A ladle is the proper <b>utensil</b> to use for serving soup.”</i>
<b>vaccine</b>	any preparation of killed microorganisms, living weakened organisms, etc., introduced into the body to produce immunity to a specific disease by causing the formation of antibodies <i>“The polio <b>vaccine</b> was a tremendous advance in medicine.”</i>

<b>veteran</b>	a former member of the armed forces <i>“Only one World War I veteran attended the ceremony this year.”</i>
<b>vigil</b>	watchful staying awake; a watch kept for a period of time <i>“While others slept, he kept his lonely vigil.”</i>
<b>villain</b>	an evil person; scoundrel <i>“In a melodrama the audience boos whenever the villain appears.”</i>
<b>volume</b>	the quantity, strength, or loudness of sound <i>“The volume of the music was deafening.”</i>
<b>warbler</b>	a bird which sings in trills, runs or quavers; songster <i>“Though we could not see him, we heard the melodious song of the warbler.”</i>
<b>warmth</b>	state of giving off moderate degree of heat; moderate, mild heat <i>“We could feel the warmth of the sun on our faces.”</i>
<b>whistle</b>	to make a clear, shrill cry; said of some birds and animals <i>“We heard the birds whistle in the trees.”</i>
<b>whittle</b>	to reduce, destroy, or get rid of gradually, as if by whittling away with a knife <i>“We hope to whittle down the cost of the project.”</i>
<b>whoosh</b>	to make a quick, hissing or rushing sound of something moving swiftly through the air <i>“At takeoff, the rocket will whoosh by the airport.”</i>
<b>width</b>	distance from side to side; breadth <i>“We have to measure the width of the shelf to make sure it will fit the space.”</i>
<b>wiring</b>	the action of a person or thing that wires <i>“The electrician did the wiring very quickly.”</i>
<b>worsted</b>	a smooth compact yarn from long wool fibers, or the fabric made from the yarn <i>“These worsted wool trousers will last a long time.”</i>
<b>wrapper</b>	that in which something is wrapped; covering; cover <i>“The gum wrapper was a shiny silver.”</i>
<b>yawn</b>	an act of yawning or opening wide <i>“The movie was boring, and the audience began to yawn.”</i>
<b>yearling</b>	an animal one year old or in its second year <i>“The rancher brought the yearling into the barn.”</i>

# LEVEL II

<b>abdicate</b>	to give up formally (a high office, authority, throne, etc.) <i>“The king plans to <b>abdicate</b> his throne.”</i>
<b>abdominal</b>	lower part of the trunk of the human body; in, on or for the abdomen <i>“The <b>abdominal</b> bandage seemed too tight.”</i>
<b>aberrant</b>	abnormal or deviant <i>“Her rude, <b>aberrant</b> behavior was quite a shock.”</i>
<b>abrogate</b>	to cancel or repeal by authority <i>“Congress must <b>abrogate</b> the new tax law.”</i>
<b>acetylene</b>	a colorless, poisonous, highly flammable gaseous hydrocarbon <i>“This most brilliant of the illuminating gases is <b>acetylene</b>.”</i>
<b>acrimonious</b>	stinging, caustic <i>“Those <b>acrimonious</b> remarks will make you unpopular.”</i>
<b>acquittal</b>	discharge of duty; being set free by the court <i>“From lack of evidence submitted, the judge decreed an <b>acquittal</b>.”</i>
<b>adolescence</b>	the time of life between puberty and maturity; youth <i>“During <b>adolescence</b>, one is often uncertain.”</i>
<b>aesthetic</b>	sensitive to art and beauty <i>“In order to help develop their children’s <b>aesthetic</b> tastes, many family trips to art galleries were planned.”</i>
<b>affinity</b>	close relationship <i>“Fish have an <b>affinity</b> with water.”</i>
<b>agglomeration</b>	a jumbled heap, mass, etc. <i>“The <b>agglomeration</b> of articles for the rummage sale was staggering.”</i>
<b>aghast</b>	feeling great horror or dismay <i>“Upon seeing the tornado’s destruction, he was <b>aghast</b>.”</i>
<b>aluminum</b>	most abundant metal element in the Earth’s crust <i>“Don’t put <b>aluminum</b> foil in the microwave.”</i>
<b>ambiguous</b>	not clear <i>“The treaty is very <b>ambiguous</b>.”</i>
<b>anachronism</b>	anything that is or seems to be out of its proper time in history <i>“A black and white television is an <b>anachronism</b> today.”</i>

<b>anathema</b>	a thing or person greatly detested “ <i>Censorship is anathema to Americans.</i> ”
<b>anonymous</b>	no name known or acknowledged; name withheld “ <i>The poem read was written by an anonymous poet.</i> ”
<b>antiquated</b>	no longer used or useful; obsolete “ <i>The old cabin contained some antiquated relics of the olden days.</i> ”
<b>antithesis</b>	the direct opposite “ <i>Love is the antithesis of hate.</i> ”
<b>apocryphal</b>	spurious; counterfeit “ <i>The apocryphal memories of the countess cannot be admitted as evidence.</i> ”
<b>apostle</b>	the first advocate of a view point or reform “ <i>The student body president was an apostle for year-round school.</i> ”
<b>apparition</b>	a strange figure appearing suddenly and thought to be a ghost “ <i>After hearing the spooky story, the children thought they saw an apparition.</i> ”
<b>appropriate</b>	to take for one's own, often without right “ <i>I wish my roommate would not appropriate my clothes.</i> ”
<b>aqueduct</b>	large pipe made for bringing water from a distant source “ <i>The aqueduct provided the farmers with the much needed water for crops.</i> ”
<b>archetype</b>	the perfect example of a type or group “ <i>Mickey Mouse is the archetype for cartoon characters.</i> ”
<b>ascension</b>	the act of ascending “ <i>We watched the balloon's ascension into the clouds.</i> ”
<b>asceticism</b>	religious doctrine where self-denial is practiced to reach a higher spiritual state “ <i>Trappist monks practice asceticism.</i> ”
<b>assuage</b>	sooth, ease “ <i>Saying 'I'm sorry' is a way to assuage your guilt .</i> ”
<b>atrophy</b>	a wasting away of body tissue, organ, or the failure of an organ or part to grow or develop, as because of insufficient nutrition “ <i>Without proper nutrition, the muscles will atrophy.</i> ”
<b>awkward</b>	not graceful, clumsy “ <i>My walk was very awkward right after my cast was removed.</i> ”

<b>baccalaureate</b>	an address or sermon delivered to a graduating class at commencement <i>“The graduating seniors and their families will attend the baccalaureate.”</i>
<b>bailiwick</b>	one's particular area of authority, activity, interest <i>“The coach's <b>bailiwick</b> is tennis.”</i>
<b>balustrade</b>	a railing <i>“The <b>balustrade</b> around the porch was made of cedar.”</i>
<b>barrage</b>	a heavy, prolonged attack of words, blows <i>“Suddenly the speaker was under a <b>barrage</b> of questions.”</i>
<b>battalion</b>	a large group of soldiers arrayed for battle; any large group joined in some activity <i>“He had command of a <b>battalion</b> during World War II.”</i>
<b>biennial</b>	happening every two years <i>“The reunion is held on a <b>biennial</b> basis.”</i>
<b>bilingual</b>	of or in two languages; capable of using two languages with equal skill <i>“He was offered the position because he was <b>bilingual</b> in English and Spanish.”</i>
<b>bizarre</b>	marked by extreme contrasts and incongruities of color, design, or style <i>“Her purple and orange hair was <b>bizarre</b>.”</i>
<b>boisterous</b>	loud, rowdy <i>“The security officer had to quiet the <b>boisterous</b> group.”</i>
<b>boulevard</b>	a broad often landscaped thoroughfare <i>“Sometimes using the <b>boulevard</b> is faster than taking the freeway.”</i>
<b>broccoli</b>	green vegetable high in vitamins <i>“The consumption of <b>broccoli</b> has increased in recent years.”</i>
<b>buoyancy</b>	the tendency of a body to float in a fluid <i>“Filling the raft with more air will increase its <b>buoyancy</b>.”</i>
<b>calligraphy</b>	beautiful handwriting; penmanship <i>“<b>Calligraphy</b> is an art – a talent to be thankful for.”</i>
<b>camaraderie</b>	loyalty and warm, friendly feeling among comrades <i>“Within the Girl Scout troop, there was great <b>camaraderie</b>.”</i>
<b>camouflage</b>	disguise or concealment of this kind <i>“The tanks' <b>camouflage</b> prevented enemy planes from seeing them.”</i>
<b>capitulation</b>	statement of the main parts of a subject; conditional surrender <i>“Their leader decided that <b>capitulation</b> was best.”</i>

<b>carcinogen</b>	cancer causing “ <i>Scientists seem to discover a new <b>carcinogen</b> every day.</i> ”
<b>carburetor</b>	a device in which air is mixed with gasoline spray to make an explosive mixture in an internal combustion engine “ <i>The <b>carburetor</b> in the truck had to be replaced.</i> ”
<b>carnivorous</b>	meat-eating “ <i>The lion is a <b>carnivorous</b> animal.</i> ”
<b>cataclysm</b>	any great upheaval that causes sudden and violent changes “ <i>The weakened government could not withstand another <b>cataclysm</b>.</i> ”
<b>catastrophe</b>	calamity “ <i>The Northridge Earthquake was a <b>catastrophe</b>.</i> ”
<b>centrifugal</b>	radiating or departing from the center “ <i>The road was banked to counteract the <b>centrifugal</b> force.</i> ”
<b>chamois</b>	a soft leather made from the hide of a chamois, deer or sheep “ <i>The gloves were made of <b>chamois</b> leather.</i> ”
<b>chandelier</b>	lighting fixture hanging from a ceiling, with branches for candles or bulbs “ <i>The <b>chandelier</b> swayed, and we hurried out from under it.</i> ”
<b>chaotic</b>	completely confused or disordered condition “ <i>The era of the Hundred Years’ War was very <b>chaotic</b>.</i> ”
<b>charlatan</b>	fake “ <i>The phony scientist was a <b>charlatan</b>.</i> ”
<b>chimerical</b>	imaginary “ <i>Her fears are as <b>chimerical</b> as the hallucinations of insanity.</i> ”
<b>chivalry</b>	the noble qualities a medieval knight was supposed to have; courage, honor and readiness to help the weak, and to protect women “ <i>We loved his <b>chivalry</b>, seemingly borrowed from the knights of old.</i> ”
<b>chromosome</b>	one of the DNA containing bodies in a cell nucleus “ <i>This particular gene is found at the end of <b>chromosome</b> 23.</i> ”
<b>cinematographer</b>	a motion-picture cameraman “ <i>Cecil B. DeMille was a great <b>cinematographer</b>.</i> ”
<b>circumference</b>	a line that goes around or encloses a circle “ <i>When drawing a snowman, the head usually has a smaller <b>circumference</b> than the body.</i> ”

<b>clairvoyance</b>	keen perception or insight “ <i>His clairvoyance with a crystal ball was amazing.</i> ”
<b>clique</b>	a small, exclusive group of people “ <i>She refused to join the clique of students.</i> ”
<b>coercive</b>	of coercion or tending to coerce “ <i>During the American Revolution, the colonists fought against the coercive government of Great Britain.</i> ”
<b>colleague</b>	associate in office “ <i>His colleague is going to attend the same workshop.</i> ”
<b>colloquial</b>	conversational “ <i>The politician’s colloquial language endeared him to small town voters.</i> ”
<b>commingle</b>	to mingle together; intermix, blend “ <i>The separate tribes began to commingle through marriage.</i> ”
<b>compassionate</b>	feeling or showing compassion “ <i>The compassionate nurse listened to the patient’s tale.</i> ”
<b>condolence</b>	expression of sympathy with another in grief “ <i>A note of condolence is appropriate at time of death.</i> ”
<b>conjecture</b>	an inference, theory, or prediction based on guesswork; guess “ <i>After hearing the facts, she knew that her conjecture was wrong.</i> ”
<b>connoisseur</b>	a person who has expert knowledge and keen discrimination in some field, especially in the fine arts or in matters of taste “ <i>His discerning taste buds made him a connoisseur of good wine.</i> ”
<b>consensus</b>	an opinion held by all or most “ <i>The consensus of party professionals was sought.</i> ”
<b>contemptuous</b>	full of contempt; scornful; disdainful “ <i>The speaker was very contemptuous of the hecklers.</i> ”
<b>convoluted</b>	extremely involved; intricate “ <i>The convoluted plot was difficult to understand.</i> ”
<b>correspondence</b>	a communication by exchange of letters “ <i>Please file this correspondence alphabetically.</i> ”
<b>counterfeit</b>	to imitate or copy, especially with intent to deceive “ <i>There is a way to check if a bill is counterfeit.</i> ”
<b>critique</b>	the act or art of criticizing; criticism “ <i>The director did not like the critique of his movie.</i> ”

<b>croissant</b>	a crescent roll “A hot, buttery <b>croissant</b> was enjoyed by each one attending the festive brunch.”
<b>crucifixion</b>	a crucifying or being crucified “The punishment of <b>crucifixion</b> was practiced in ancient times.”
<b>debacle</b>	an overwhelming defeat or rout “His resignation from power caused the greatest <b>debacle</b> in the history of his country.”
<b>decelerate</b>	to reduce speed; slow down “The driver began to <b>decelerate</b> as he rounded the bend.”
<b>deciduous</b>	shedding leaves annually “The fall colors on the <b>deciduous</b> trees are beautiful.”
<b>delicatessen</b>	a shop where sandwich items meats and cheeses are sold “Let’s stop at the <b>delicatessen</b> to pick up things for our picnic.”
<b>depressant</b>	lowering the rate of muscular or nervous activity; to sadden or lower “The medicine was given as a <b>depressant</b> .”
<b>derrick</b>	large apparatus for lifting and moving heavy objects; tall tapering framework over an oil well “The workmen used a <b>derrick</b> to take the piano up to the 7 <sup>th</sup> floor.”
<b>designate</b>	to point or mark out; specify; appoint “I will <b>designate</b> one of my friends to chair this committee.”
<b>dexterity</b>	skill in using one’s mind; cleverness “Her mental <b>dexterity</b> was amazing.”
<b>dialysis</b>	the separation of crystalloids from colloids as the elimination of impurities from the blood during kidney failure “One of our child movie stars has to be hospitalized for <b>dialysis</b> .”
<b>dichotomy</b>	division into two (contrasting) halves, pairs of sets “Reconciling the <b>dichotomy</b> between public and private interests is a difficult job.”
<b>differentiate</b>	distinguish between “The shopper tried to <b>differentiate</b> between the two sweaters.”
<b>dilapidated</b>	broken down; shabby and neglected “We bought a <b>dilapidated</b> house and tried to repair it.”
<b>dilemma</b>	predicament; a situation in which one must choose between alternatives “His <b>dilemma</b> was in having to decide on which color paint to use.”

<b>disguise</b>	to change the manner or appearance of in order to prevent recognition “ <i>I will need a mask to <b>disguise</b> myself for the Halloween Party.</i> ”
<b>disproportionate</b>	not in proportion “ <i>The harsh punishment was <b>disproportionate</b> to the infraction.</i> ”
<b>disseminate</b>	to scatter seed; to sow widely; spread abroad “ <i>When the dandelion becomes that feathery little puffball, the breezes cause it to <b>disseminate</b>.</i> ”
<b>dissertation</b>	a formal and lengthy discourse or treatise on some subject “ <i>The student completed her <b>dissertation</b> for the degree of doctor.</i> ”
<b>divination</b>	a successful guess; clever conjecture “ <i>Her <b>divination</b> of the winner was accurate.</i> ”
<b>ebullient</b>	overflowing with enthusiasm, high spirits “ <i>After winning the game, the fans were <b>ebullient</b>.</i> ”
<b>ecclesiastical</b>	of the church “ <i>His writings were based on <b>ecclesiastical</b> discipline.</i> ”
<b>echelon</b>	any of the levels of responsibility or importance in an organization “ <i>She worked in the <b>echelon</b> where major decisions were made.</i> ”
<b>eczema</b>	an inflammatory, itching disease of the skin “ <i>A victim of <b>eczema</b>, she could not wear makeup on her face.</i> ”
<b>effectuate</b>	to bring about; cause to happen; effect “ <i>The team members are trying to <b>effectuate</b> change in spring training rules.</i> ”
<b>egalitarian</b>	advocating, or characterized by the belief that all men should have equal political, social and economic rights “ <i>The country’s government was <b>egalitarian</b>.</i> ”
<b>ellipsis</b>	the omission of a word or words necessary for complete grammatical construction but understood in the context “ <i>Add <b>ellipsis</b> where I have indicated on the rough draft of the legal pleading.</i> ”
<b>embarrass</b>	to cause to feel self-conscious, ill at ease “ <i>He did not want to <b>embarrass</b> himself in front of his friends.</i> ”
<b>emulate</b>	to try to equal or surpass; to rival successfully “ <i>The baby birds strutted back and forth trying to <b>emulate</b> the actions of their parents.</i> ”

<b>encapsulate</b>	to put in concise form; condense “ <i>We tried to encapsulate the week’s news in five minutes.</i> ”
<b>entomology</b>	the study of insects “ <i>My career in entomology began with a fascination about butterflies.</i> ”
<b>ephemeral</b>	lasting a very short time “ <i>The sunset was ephemeral in its beauty.</i> ”
<b>epitome</b>	a short statement of the main points of a book, report, incident; abstract; summary; representative or typical of a class “ <i>He was the epitome of jockeys everywhere – slim, wiry and brisk.</i> ”
<b>equivocal</b>	two or more meanings; purposely vague; misleading; ambiguous “ <i>Her answer was equivocal, but we couldn’t get a definite opinion.</i> ”
<b>esoteric</b>	beyond the understanding or knowledge of most people “ <i>Few people attended the esoteric lecture on holography.</i> ”
<b>etymology</b>	The origin and development of a word, affix, phrase, etc. “ <i>The origin and development of words is a branch of linguistics called etymology.</i> ”
<b>eulogy</b>	speech or writing in praise of a person, event or thing; commendation “ <i>We listened with full hearts to the eulogy on President Kennedy.</i> ”
<b>euphoria</b>	a feeling of vigor, well-being, or high spirits “ <i>The team had the euphoria that comes from winning.</i> ”
<b>exacerbate</b>	to exasperate; annoy; irritate; embitter “ <i>He intended to exacerbate the already tense situation by making an exorbitant demand.</i> ”
<b>exonerate</b>	to relieve of a burden; unload; free from guilt; absolve “ <i>This alibi would prove his innocence and exonerate him of the crime.</i> ”
<b>expedient</b>	useful for effecting a desired result “ <i>It was expedient for him to alter the facts.</i> ”
<b>expertise</b>	the skill, knowledge, judgment of an expert “ <i>She was known for her expertise in music.</i> ”
<b>expletive</b>	an oath or exclamation “ <i>She shouted an expletive when the car would not start.</i> ”
<b>expropriate</b>	to deprive of ownership; dispossess “ <i>The state will expropriate acreage for the new airport.</i> ”
<b>facetious</b>	joking, or trying to be jocular, esp. at an inappropriate time “ <i>His mother could not tolerate his facetious remarks.</i> ”

<b>Fahrenheit</b>	a temperature scale “Normal body temperature is 98.6 degrees <b>Fahrenheit</b> .”
<b>fastidious</b>	not easy to please; very critical or discriminating “With <b>fastidious</b> attention to detail, the musician practiced the piece again.”
<b>feasible</b>	capable of being done or carried out; possible; practicable “Chartering a bus seems the most <b>feasible</b> method of transportation.”
<b>felicitous</b>	well-chosen; appropriate; apt; yielding great pleasure “He was a <b>felicitous</b> choice for the new position.”
<b>ferocious</b>	fierce; savage; violently cruel “The lion has a <b>ferocious</b> growl.”
<b>fictitious</b>	imaginary happening; not real; false; pretended; assumed for disguise “Some novelists use a <b>fictitious</b> name under which they write.”
<b>filibuster</b>	to obstruct the passage of a bill by making long speeches, introducing irrelevant issues, etc. “The senator carried out his <b>filibuster</b> , ignoring remarks from the floor.”
<b>finagle</b>	to cheat; to get something by trickery “Students find many ways to <b>finagle</b> their way out of homework.”
<b>firmament</b>	the sky, viewed poetically as a solid arch or vault “The sun and the moon are both seen in the <b>firmament</b> at that time.”
<b>fissure</b>	long, narrow, deep cleft or crack; dividing or breaking into parts “The ice, breaking up, opened a wide <b>fissure</b> between the floes.”
<b>flabbergast</b>	to make speechless with amazement; astonish “Seeing a dog climb a tree may <b>flabbergast</b> you.”
<b>flourish</b>	grow vigorously; thrive; prosper “These plants will <b>flourish</b> if you give them proper water and fertilizer.”
<b>fluctuate</b>	to move back and forth, up and down; to be continually changing “Bank interest rates <b>fluctuate</b> from time to time.”
<b>forfeit</b>	to lose, give up, or be deprived of “You <b>forfeit</b> privileges by not registering.”
<b>fraudulent</b>	deceitful; based on trickery; intentional deception “The investigation proved the papers to be <b>fraudulent</b> .”

<b>fricassee</b>	a dish of meat cut into pieces and stewed in a gravy “ <i>Chicken fricassee tastes good on a cold evening.</i> ”
<b>galleon</b>	large Spanish ship of the 15 <sup>th</sup> /16 <sup>th</sup> century “ <i>The galleon had four decks at the stern.</i> ”
<b>gambol</b>	to jump and skip about in play; frolic “ <i>To gambol about the dance floor is to have a good time.</i> ”
<b>gauche</b>	lacking social grace; tactless “ <i>My companion’s gauche remarks to the staff were very embarrassing.</i> ”
<b>gazetteer</b>	a geographical dictionary “ <i>The gazetteer portion of this dictionary contains more than seven thousand place names.</i> ”
<b>geriatrics</b>	branch of medicine dealing with the elderly “ <i>As the population ages, geriatrics will become more lucrative.</i> ”
<b>gourmet</b>	a connoisseur of fine food and drink “ <i>A good gourmet restaurant covets a recommendation from a food critic.</i> ”
<b>grievance</b>	circumstance thought to be unjust; resentment or complaint “ <i>Many thought she had reason for her grievance.</i> ”
<b>guileless</b>	candid, frank; open “ <i>His guileless smile made instant friendships.</i> ”
<b>harangue</b>	to deliver a long, scolding speech “ <i>I hope the coach doesn’t harangue us for the lousy game we played.</i> ”
<b>harassment</b>	worrying or annoying with repeated attacks “ <i>Sexual harassment in the workplace will not be tolerated.</i> ”
<b>heartily</b>	friendly, sincere, cordial way; with zest, enthusiasm “ <i>He laughed heartily, thoroughly enjoying the play.</i> ”
<b>hegemony</b>	leadership or dominance, especially that of one state or nation over others “ <i>The Chinese say the Soviets are establishing military hegemony over the free world.</i> ”
<b>hemorrhage</b>	heavy bleeding “ <i>Jim had a bad hemorrhage in his arm after the auto accident.</i> ”

<b>hepatitis</b>	an inflammation of the liver <i>“Exposure to the <b>hepatitis</b> virus prevents a person from donating blood.”</i>
<b>herbivorous</b>	feeding on plants <i>“Deer and sheep are <b>herbivorous</b> animals.”</i>
<b>hospitable</b>	friendly, kind and solicitous toward guests; favoring comfort of new arrivals; receptive or open to new ideas <i>“Southern people are said to be most <b>hospitable</b> even to strangers.”</i>
<b>humanity</b>	human; human characteristics or nature; mankind; people <i>“<b>Humanity</b> everywhere does not always have the same kindness or sympathy.”</i>
<b>hybrid</b>	anything of mixed origin, unlike parts <i>“Rock and roll is a <b>hybrid</b> of blues and jazz.”</i>
<b>hygiene</b>	science of health and its maintenance; sanitary practices; cleanliness <i>“We are taught <b>hygiene</b> for the preservation of health and prevention of disease.”</i>
<b>hyperbole</b>	obvious and intentional exaggeration <i>“A clown uses <b>hyperbole</b> to make the stunts funnier.”</i>
<b>hypochondriac</b>	a person who has hypochondria <i>“The <b>hypochondriac</b> made his tenth visit to the hospital in ten days.”</i>
<b>hypocrisy</b>	a pretending to be what one is not, or to feel what one does not feel <i>“The senator showed his <b>hypocrisy</b> by saying he was for the bill and then voting against it.”</i>
<b>ideology</b>	the doctrines, opinions, or way of thinking of an individual class, etc. <i>“Democracy is the American <b>ideology</b>.”</i>
<b>idiosyncrasy</b>	personal peculiarity or mannerism <i>“It was her <b>idiosyncrasy</b> to wear earmuffs in warm weather.”</i>
<b>ignominy</b>	shame and dishonor <i>“What he did brought <b>ignominy</b> to his friends and family.”</i>
<b>immunity</b>	resistance to disease; projection against disease <i>“Having a childhood disease does not always develop an <b>immunity</b> to it.”</i>
<b>impasse</b>	deadlock <i>“Russia and the United States reached an <b>impasse</b> in their negotiations.”</i>

<b>impecunious</b>	having no money <i>“I am sorry to announce that the school board is in an <b>impecunious</b> situation as a result of Proposition 13.”</i>
<b>impertinent</b>	not showing proper respect or manners <i>“The <b>impertinent</b> child must be taught some manners.”</i>
<b>imperturbable</b>	that cannot be disconcerted, disturbed, or excited; impassive <i>“The <b>imperturbable</b> cat sat in the midst of the moving.”</i>
<b>implement</b>	any article or device used or needed for a given activity; fulfill <i>“The hammer and the saw are needed by the carpenter to <b>implement</b> his job.”</i>
<b>inaugurate</b>	to introduce into office with ceremonies <i>“Every four years we <b>inaugurate</b> a President.”</i>
<b>incongruous</b>	lacking harmony or agreement <i>“Hiking boots were <b>incongruous</b> to the wet suit outfit.”</i>
<b>incorrigible</b>	that cannot be corrected, improved, or reformed <i>“They held out little hope for the prisoner because he was <b>incorrigible</b>.”</i>
<b>incredulous</b>	showing doubt or disbelief <i>“Their eyes were large with <b>incredulous</b> joy.”</i>
<b>indiscreet</b>	lacking prudence; unwise; careless <i>“She was <b>indiscreet</b> in going shopping during school hours.”</i>
<b>indomitable</b>	not easily discouraged <i>“Even after three unsuccessful attempts, the new skier was <b>indomitable</b>.”</i>
<b>inducement</b>	motive; incentive; persuasion <i>“As an <b>inducement</b> for entering into the contract, she would receive a percentage of sales.”</i>
<b>inertia</b>	a tendency to remain in a fixed condition without change <i>“The nation was declining due to <b>inertia</b>.”</i>
<b>infatuated</b>	lacking sound judgment; foolish <i>“He was <b>infatuated</b> by the John Wayne movie and decided to become a cowboy.”</i>
<b>infirmity</b>	feebleness; weakness; frailty or ailment; defect <i>We realized his <b>infirmity</b> kept him a captive of a wheelchair.”</i>

<b>inimical</b>	unfriendly; hostile “ <i>The <b>inimical</b> participants at the rally prevented the audience from having fun.</i> ”
<b>inordinate</b>	lacking restraint or moderation “ <i>The press and public took an <b>inordinate</b> interest in everything he did.</i> ”
<b>insatiable</b>	constantly wanting more; that cannot be satisfied or appeased “ <i>After two banana splits, we knew he had an <b>insatiable</b> appetite.</i> ”
<b>inscrutable</b>	that cannot be easily understood “ <i>Charley Chan was often <b>inscrutable</b>.</i> ”
<b>insinuation</b>	sly hint or suggestion “ <i>Your <b>insinuation</b> of unfairness on my part is unjust.</i> ”
<b>intermittent</b>	stopping and starting again at intervals; periodic “ <i>Heavy traffic forced us into <b>intermittent</b> driving.</i> ”
<b>intravenous</b>	in, or directly into, a vein or veins “ <i>The doctor prescribed <b>intravenous</b> feeding for the patient.</i> ”
<b>inveigle</b>	to lead on with deception “ <i>The salesman intended to <b>inveigle</b> me into buying the car.</i> ”
<b>irascible</b>	easily angered; quick-tempered “ <i>The <b>irascible</b> old man is constantly picking fights.</i> ”
<b>irreparable</b>	not repairable; that cannot be repaired, mended, remedied “ <i>If the condors disappear, that will be an <b>irreparable</b> loss.</i> ”
<b>isthmus</b>	a neck; a narrow passage; narrow strip of land, having water at each side and connecting two larger bodies of land “ <i>The <b>Isthmus</b> of Panama connects Central America and South America.</i> ”
<b>jamboree</b>	a large festive gathering “ <i>They scheduled a <b>jamboree</b> in the town park for this weekend.</i> ”
<b>javelin</b>	a slender metal-tipped shaft thrown for distance “ <i>The next <b>javelin</b> thrower holds the Olympic record for this event.</i> ”
<b>judicious</b>	having, applying, or showing sound judgment; wise and careful “ <i>The <b>judicious</b> driver stopped at the crosswalk.</i> ”
<b>kayak</b>	an Eskimo canoe, or one similar “ <i>The ocean was too rough to go out in the <b>kayak</b>.</i> ”
<b>khaki</b>	a light yellowish brown color “ <i>The soldiers wore their <b>khaki</b> uniforms.</i> ”

<b>knowledge</b>	understanding or skill gained by experience or learning “ <i>Two weeks of tennis lessons increased my <b>knowledge</b> of the game.</i> ”
<b>lackadaisical</b>	listless; languid “ <i>Tom was <b>lackadaisical</b> in the hot, humid weather.</i> ”
<b>languid</b>	sluggish “ <i>She was a <b>languid</b> person, lacking force and quickness.</i> ”
<b>laryngitis</b>	inflammation of the voice box “ <i>I always get <b>laryngitis</b> at the end of a cold.</i> ”
<b>laureate</b>	worthy of honor; distinguished; pre-eminent, especially among poets “ <i>Rudyard Kipling was a poet <b>laureate</b> of England.</i> ”
<b>leisurely</b>	without haste; deliberate; slow; unhurried “ <i>He strolled <b>leisurely</b> along the boardwalk.</i> ”
<b>leniency</b>	mildness; permissiveness “ <i>The judge was known for his <b>leniency</b> with first time offenders.</i> ”
<b>leukemia</b>	a cancerous disease of the tissues and often the blood “ <i>The <b>leukemia</b> patient needed a bone marrow transplant.</i> ”
<b>lieutenant</b>	an officer empowered to act for a higher official “ <i>The <b>lieutenant</b> brought the message to the meeting.</i> ”
<b>luminous</b>	giving off light; shining; bright “ <i>The moon was <b>luminous</b> in the night.</i> ”
<b>maelstrom</b>	a strong violent whirlpool; a great turmoil “ <i>Their dog’s illness caused the family a <b>maelstrom</b> of emotions.</i> ”
<b>malfeasance</b>	wrongful conduct, especially by a public official “ <i>The mayor’s <b>malfeasance</b> resulted in a recall election.</i> ”
<b>malleable</b>	capable of being changed, molded, trained, etc. “ <i>Tin is a very <b>malleable</b> metal.</i> ”
<b>maneuver</b>	any movement or procedure intended as a skillful or shrewd step toward some objective “ <i>The large ship’s <b>maneuver</b> brought it closer to port.</i> ”
<b>masquerade</b>	a party at which people wear masks and costumes “ <i>What are you wearing to the <b>masquerade</b> ball?</i> ”
<b>mediocre</b>	ordinary; commonplace “ <i>Because the service was only <b>mediocre</b>, we left a small tip.</i> ”

<b>metamorphosis</b>	change of form, shape, structure, or substance “ <i>The metamorphosis of a caterpillar into a butterfly is one of nature’s miracles.</i> ”
<b>mimicry</b>	the action, art or instance of imitating “ <i>With your gift of mimicry, you should be in show business.</i> ”
<b>miniature</b>	something much smaller than the usual size “ <i>That is an impressive collection of miniature cars.</i> ”
<b>miscellaneous</b>	consisting of many things of different sorts “ <i>Most people have a drawer for all their miscellaneous things.</i> ”
<b>mischievous</b>	conduct that is often playful but causes harm or annoyance “ <i>My mischievous puppy chewed the corner off my favorite book.</i> ”
<b>mulligatawny</b>	an East Indian soup of meat, etc., flavored with curry “ <i>Mother had a very special recipe for mulligatawny.</i> ”
<b>munificence</b>	very generous in giving; lavish “ <i>The president thanked the donor for her munificence.</i> ”
<b>mystique</b>	a set of beliefs and attitudes developing around an object “ <i>The true mystique of jogging cannot be appreciated by non-runners.</i> ”
<b>nauseous</b>	affected with or tending to cause stomach distress “ <i>I felt nauseous after eating too much ice cream.</i> ”
<b>nautical</b>	of the sea or navigation “ <i>This fish restaurant has a nautical decor.</i> ”
<b>novelette</b>	short fictional story “ <i>The novelette was made into a movie script.</i> ”
<b>nuptial</b>	of or relating to marriage or a wedding “ <i>The nuptial ceremony will begin at 7:00 p.m.</i> ”
<b>obsolescent</b>	going out of use; becoming outmoded “ <i>Phonograph records are becoming obsolescent.</i> ”
<b>occasion</b>	fact or event making something possible; happening; occurrence “ <i>A chance meeting was the occasion of the renewal of their friendship.</i> ”
<b>occurrence</b>	happening; event; something that takes place “ <i>The second occurrence of the conference will not be until next year.</i> ”
<b>oligarchy</b>	a form of government in which the ruling power belongs to a few persons “ <i>Political office was restricted to those who knew a member of the oligarchy.</i> ”

<b>omniscient</b>	having infinite knowledge “ <i>Goethe was omniscient in his era.</i> ”
<b>onomatopoeia</b>	formation of a word by imitating the natural sound associated with the object or action involved “ <i>He used onomatopoeia to create sounds in his poetry.</i> ”
<b>opaque</b>	not letting light pass through; not transparent or translucent “ <i>The window shade was opaque, emitting no light at all.</i> ”
<b>ophthalmologist</b>	a physician specializing in diseases of the eye “ <i>The ophthalmologist had to dilate the patient’s eyes.</i> ”
<b>orthodox</b>	traditional; conservative in belief “ <i>He was very orthodox in his beliefs and practices.</i> ”
<b>pachyderm</b>	any of various thick-skinned, hooved mammals “ <i>The pachyderm house at the zoo is home for the elephants.</i> ”
<b>paraphernalia</b>	personal belongings; articles used in a particular activity “ <i>Bring along your fishing paraphernalia when we go camping next week.</i> ”
<b>parsimonious</b>	miserly “ <i>Scrooge was a parsimonious man.</i> ”
<b>pasteurize</b>	partial sterilization of a fluid by exposure to heat “ <i>The dairy will pasteurize the milk before bottling.</i> ”
<b>patriarch</b>	the father and ruler of a family “ <i>The family patriarch always sits at the head of the table.</i> ”
<b>perceptible</b>	capable of being noticed “ <i>The difference between the two brands of hot dogs is hardly perceptible.</i> ”
<b>perennial</b>	lasting or active throughout the whole year “ <i>To cut down on yardwork I planted mostly perennial plants.</i> ”
<b>pernicious</b>	fatal; deadly “ <i>The common cold is usually not a pernicious disease.</i> ”
<b>perpetuity</b>	the state or quality of being perpetual “ <i>Perpetuity is implied in the fundamental law of all national governments.</i> ”
<b>pharmaceutical</b>	a medicinal material or product “ <i>The pharmaceutical company introduced its newest drug.</i> ”

<b>phenomenal</b>	highly remarkable “ <i>Abraham Lincoln had a <b>phenomenal</b> memory.</i> ”
<b>phlegm</b>	thick, stringy mucus discharged from the throat, as during a cold “ <i>The mixture of honey and lemon helped to rid his throat of <b>phlegm</b>.</i> ”
<b>pirouette</b>	a rapid whirling or turning on the toe or ball of the foot “ <i>The ballerina performed the <b>pirouette</b> perfectly.</i> ”
<b>plagiarize</b>	to take (ideas, writings, etc.) from (another) and pass them off as one's own “ <i>The teacher told the class not to <b>plagiarize</b> any work.</i> ”
<b>plausible</b>	seemingly true; seemingly honest, trustworthy, etc. “ <i>The story he gave us sounded <b>plausible</b>.</i> ”
<b>plebeian</b>	vulgar, coarse, or common “ <i>She has such a <b>plebeian</b> taste in home decorating.</i> ”
<b>plenary</b>	for attendance by all members “ <i>The <b>plenary</b> session of the association was called to order by the president.</i> ”
<b>pneumonia</b>	a disease of the lungs characterized by inflammation and congestion “ <i>Seniors, particularly, are advised to have flu shots to guard against <b>pneumonia</b> developing as a secondary infection.</i> ”
<b>poinsettia</b>	Mexican and Central American plant with yellow flowers surrounded by tapering red leaves resembling petals “ <i>The name of the <b>poinsettia</b> plant is often mispronounced.</i> ”
<b>posthumous</b>	happening after ones death “ <i>The athlete's <b>posthumous</b> induction into the Hall of Fame was very emotional.</i> ”
<b>precipitate</b>	to cause to happen before expected “ <i>The jolt may <b>precipitate</b> an explosion.</i> ”
<b>precursor</b>	a person or thing that goes before “ <i>Elvis was the <b>precursor</b> of rock and roll.</i> ”
<b>premiere</b>	to exhibit (a play, movie, etc.) for the first time “ <i>The audience was filled with anticipation while waiting for the <b>premiere</b> performance to commence.</i> ”
<b>prerogative</b>	an exclusive right or privilege exercised by virtue of rank, office, etc. “ <i>It is the <b>prerogative</b> of the senior class to sit in this section.</i> ”

<b>prevision</b>	foresight or foreknowledge “ <i>Facing the downpour, she was thankful for her <b>prevision</b> to bring an umbrella.</i> ”
<b>prodigy</b>	a person, thing or act so extraordinary as to inspire wonder “ <i>Mozart was a child <b>prodigy</b>.</i> ”
<b>profligate</b>	extremely wasteful; recklessly extravagant “ <i>The <b>profligate</b> spender was soon penniless.</i> ”
<b>progeny</b>	children, descendants, or offspring collectively “ <i>The old man’s <b>progeny</b> gathered at his home to celebrate.</i> ”
<b>proliferate</b>	to multiply rapidly “ <i>As nuclear weapons <b>proliferate</b>, we are all concerned.</i> ”
<b>propriety</b>	conformity with what is proper or fitting “ <i>An etiquette book gives rules of <b>propriety</b>.</i> ”
<b>pterodactyl</b>	an extinct flying reptile “ <i>The rendition of the <b>pterodactyl</b> was my favorite part of the dinosaur exhibit.</i> ”
<b>pulchritude</b>	beauty; comeliness “ <i>The damsel’s <b>pulchritude</b> was apparent to everyone.</i> ”
<b>quadratic</b>	an algebraic term involving the square and no higher power of an unknown quantity “ <i>Solve this <b>quadratic</b> equation for the value of x.</i> ”
<b>query</b>	to question “ <i>Use the <b>query</b> command when you want to search a database for information.</i> ”
<b>quixotic</b>	extravagantly chivalrous or romantically idealistic “ <i>Patrolling the streets with knights in white armor is the <b>quixotic</b> method of solving crime.</i> ”
<b>raillery</b>	light, good-natured ridicule or satire “ <i>Sir Winston Churchill’s <b>raillery</b> often provoked laughter.</i> ”
<b>rapport</b>	relationship, esp. a close one; agreement; harmony “ <i>She and her sister enjoyed a friendly <b>rapport</b>.</i> ”
<b>rapscallion</b>	a rascal; rogue “ <i>The <b>rapscallion</b> ran off with the money.</i> ”
<b>receipt</b>	written acknowledgement; to mark paid “ <i>The <b>receipt</b> showed the invoice had been paid in full.</i> ”

<b>reciprocal</b>	done or felt equally by both sides “ <i>They had a <b>reciprocal</b> feeling of admiration for each other.</i> ”
<b>reconciliation</b>	the act of restoring friendly relations “ <i>The treaty provided for a <b>reconciliation</b> between the two countries.</i> ”
<b>reconnaissance</b>	an exploratory survey or examination “ <i>The corporal led a special squad on a <b>reconnaissance</b> mission.</i> ”
<b>redolence</b>	the quality or state of being redolent, fragrant, aromatic “ <i>I liked the <b>redolence</b> of the pine boughs.</i> ”
<b>rejuvenate</b>	to make seem fresh or new again “ <i>A long vacation will <b>rejuvenate</b> him.</i> ”
<b>reminisce</b>	to think, talk or write about remembered events or experiences “ <i>We sat at the table to <b>reminisce</b> about our childhood experiences.</i> ”
<b>rendezvous</b>	a planned meeting; a place for a planned meeting “ <i>We will <b>rendezvous</b> at the Park and Ride, then go on together to the party.</i> ”
<b>repatriate</b>	to send back or return to the country of birth, citizenship, or allegiance “ <i>We hope they will <b>repatriate</b> our prisoners of war.</i> ”
<b>repertoire</b>	the stock of special skills, devices, techniques of a particular person or particular field of endeavor “ <i>The ball player’s <b>repertoire</b> was amazing.</i> ”
<b>repository</b>	a box, chest, closet, or room in which things may be placed for safe keeping “ <i>The jewels were missing from the <b>repository</b>.</i> ”
<b>reservoir</b>	a place where water is stored in quantity “ <i>During the drought the <b>reservoir</b> was dangerously low.</i> ”
<b>resilient</b>	recovering strength, spirits, good humor, etc., quickly; buoyant “ <i>The American people are very <b>resilient</b>; they bounce back no matter what happens.</i> ”
<b>resuscitate</b>	to revive from apparent death or from unconsciousness. “ <i>The paramedic’s attempts to <b>resuscitate</b> the crash victim were unsuccessful.</i> ”
<b>retaliate</b>	to return like for like “ <i>The government plans to <b>retaliate</b> for the terrorism.</i> ”
<b>retroactive</b>	having application to or effect on things prior to its enactment “ <i>The <b>retroactive</b> pay increase was appreciated by all of the workers.</i> ”

<b>reverie</b>	a dreamy, fanciful, or visionary notion or daydream “ <i>Her reverie was broken by his loud arrival.</i> ”
<b>rhetoric</b>	the art of speaking correctly “ <i>I have to prepare a ten minute speech for my <b>rhetoric</b> class tomorrow.</i> ”
<b>ricochet</b>	a glancing rebound “ <i>If you hit the ball here, it will <b>ricochet</b> off the table and land in the pocket.</i> ”
<b>rigmarole</b>	a foolishly involved, fussy, or time-wasting procedure “ <i>Registration for school is full of <b>rigmarole</b>.</i> ”
<b>rosette</b>	ornament made of ribbons gathered in the shape of a rose “ <i>He wore a <b>rosette</b> in the buttonhole of his lapel.</i> ”
<b>sacrosanct</b>	very sacred, holy, or inviolable “ <i>The congregation felt the church was <b>sacrosanct</b>.</i> ”
<b>sanguinary</b>	bloodthirsty “ <i>Some corsairs were very <b>sanguinary</b>.</i> ”
<b>satchel</b>	A small flat-bottomed bag, sometimes with a shoulder strap “ <i>Before backpacks became popular, schoolchildren usually carried their books in a <b>satchel</b>.</i> ”
<b>scallion</b>	variety of onion; long stem and almost bulbless root “ <i>We prefer the <b>scallion</b> rather than the large white or yellow onion.</i> ”
<b>scheme</b>	a systemic or organized design “ <i>That’s a very nice color <b>scheme</b> you have picked out.</i> ”
<b>schism</b>	a split or division in an organized group or society “ <i>The selection of a new minister caused a <b>schism</b> in the church.</i> ”
<b>scrimmage</b>	in football, the play that follows the snap of the ball “ <i>The tailback carried the ball twenty yards from the line of <b>scrimmage</b>.</i> ”
<b>scrumptious</b>	very pleasing, attractive esp. to the taste; delicious “ <i>Not a crumb of the <b>scrumptious</b> cake was left.</i> ”
<b>secede</b>	to withdraw from an organization “ <i>South Carolina was the first state to <b>secede</b> from the Union.</i> ”
<b>segue</b>	to make a smooth transition, as from one topic to another “ <i>The speaker was noted for an ability to <b>segue</b> between opening jokes and the serious topic at hand.</i> ”

<b>seismologist</b>	a scientist who studies earthquakes <i>“The <b>seismologist</b> confirmed that the earthquake was centered twenty miles offshore.”</i>
<b>seraglio</b>	the palace of a Turkish sultan <i>“The crown jewels were located in the <b>seraglio</b>.”</i>
<b>serene</b>	not disturbed or troubled <i>“The <b>serene</b> lake did not have a ripple on the surface.”</i>
<b>serviette</b>	a table napkin <i>“A <b>serviette</b> depicting Christmas scenes was at everyone’s place.”</i>
<b>siege</b>	a continued attempt to gain possession of something <i>“During the Civil War, the <b>siege</b> of Vicksburg lasted 186 days.”</i>
<b>silhouette</b>	an outline of a figure, garment, etc. <i>“Jean’s face was a <b>silhouette</b> against the screen.”</i>
<b>sleuth</b>	detective, or to act like a detective <i>“It took a real <b>sleuth</b> to determine the origin of that word.”</i>
<b>solemn</b>	done or made seriously and thoughtfully <i>“The veterans hold a <b>solemn</b> ceremony on Memorial Day.”</i>
<b>solicitous</b>	showing care, attention, or concern <i>“The parents were <b>solicitous</b> about the child’s health.”</i>
<b>solstice</b>	either of two points on the sun’s ecliptic at which it is farthest north or south of the equator <i>“In the northern hemisphere, the winter <b>solstice</b> comes just before Christmas.”</i>
<b>somnolent</b>	sleepy; drowsy <i>“The <b>somnolent</b> truck driver stopped for coffee.”</i>
<b>sophomoric</b>	of, like, or characteristic of a sophomore or sophomores, often regarded as self-assured, opinionated, though immature <i>“The <b>sophomoric</b> antics of our government were exposed.”</i>
<b>spasmodic</b>	having an involuntary contraction, temporarily or intermittently <i>“She had a <b>spasmodic</b> tic in her right eyelid.”</i>
<b>spectroscopy</b>	the use of the spectroscope to study optics <i>“The study of optics is aided by <b>spectroscopy</b>.”</i>
<b>stanchion</b>	an upright bar, post or support <i>“Be sure you tie the sail securely to the <b>stanchion</b>.”</i>

<b>statuary</b>	sculpture, a collection of statues “ <i>The statuary lining the rose garden beckoned the visitors.</i> ”
<b>subterfuge</b>	an expedient used to evade, escape or conceal “ <i>The students pretended to be sick as a subterfuge to taking the test.</i> ”
<b>succinct</b>	clearly and briefly stated “ <i>The commander’s orders to his men were succinct.</i> ”
<b>succumb</b>	give away to; yield or submit “ <i>We expected him to succumb to persuasion.</i> ”
<b>superfluous</b>	not needed, unnecessary, irrelevant “ <i>I have cut down every superfluous expense.</i> ”
<b>surreptitious</b>	acting in a secret, stealthy way “ <i>The conspirators held a surreptitious meeting.</i> ”
<b>surveillance</b>	supervision or inspection “ <i>The police kept the prisoners under constant surveillance.</i> ”
<b>svelte</b>	slender, lithe “ <i>You look very svelte in that new outfit.</i> ”
<b>sympathize</b>	to share or understand another’s feelings; express pity “ <i>They could sympathize with their neighbors who had been robbed.</i> ”
<b>synthesis</b>	the putting together of parts or elements so as to form a whole “ <i>A good composition is the synthesis of many skills.</i> ”
<b>tachometer</b>	a device for indicating speed of rotation “ <i>Some sports cars have a tachometer located next to the speedometer.</i> ”
<b>taciturn</b>	habitually unwilling to talk; reserved in speech “ <i>The taciturn farmer watched as we fixed our car.</i> ”
<b>therapeutic</b>	serving to cure or heal; curative “ <i>The therapeutic treatment hastened his recovery.</i> ”
<b>thesaurus</b>	a dictionary of synonyms “ <i>This word processing program features an excellent thesaurus, making it easy for the user to find appropriate synonyms.</i> ”
<b>tortoise</b>	a land turtle “ <i>In one of Aesop’s fables the tortoise wins a race against the hare.</i> ”
<b>treacherous</b>	providing insecure footing or support “ <i>It was a very treacherous climb along the rock cliffs.</i> ”

<b>umbrage</b>	resentment; offense “ <i>I take <b>umbrage</b> at that outrageous remark.</i> ”
<b>unconscionable</b>	not being in accordance with what is right or just “ <i>Such <b>unconscionable</b> behavior will result in expulsion from school.</i> ”
<b>unscathed</b>	not hurt, uninjured, unharmed “ <i>She was <b>unscathed</b> by their criticism.</i> ”
<b>utilitarian</b>	of or having to do with utility; usefulness “ <i>A garbage can is a very <b>utilitarian</b> gift.</i> ”
<b>variegated</b>	having patches, stripes or marks of different colors “ <i>This <b>variegated</b> ivy would look nice on the trellis.</i> ”
<b>vaudeville</b>	light theater featuring variety acts “ <i>Bob Hope started his career as a <b>vaudeville</b> actor.</i> ”
<b>vertigo</b>	a subjective sensation of dizziness in which an individual feels that he, or his surrounding, is whirling about sickeningly “ <i>With too much stress, she suffered from <b>vertigo</b>.</i> ”
<b>ventriloquist</b>	someone whose voice can seemingly be made to come from another source “ <i>The conversation between the <b>ventriloquist</b> and the wooden dummy delighted the audience.</i> ”
<b>vignette</b>	a short, delicate literary sketch “ <i>The <b>vignette</b> was a great work by the promising author.</i> ”
<b>xenophobia</b>	fear or hatred of strangers or foreigners or of anything foreign or strange “ <i>Xenophobia limits people from learning about others.</i> ”
<b>xylophone</b>	a musical percussion instrument “ <i>The <b>xylophone</b> is an instrument in the percussion family.</i> ”
<b>zealous</b>	very eager; very enthusiastic “ <i>The politician’s <b>zealous</b> supporters campaigned vigorously.</i> ”