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FABRICATE

to devise, construct

- ☑ **Syn.** make, create
- ★ **Ant.** destroy, dismantle
- ⌘ Rohit fabricates wonderful stories in self-defence, whenever he is caught doing something wrong.

FACADE (*FASAAD*) N.

the exterior face of a building, appearance, face, the face you show to the world

- ☑ **Syn.** frontage, portico, fascia, front
- ⌘ The peaceful situation is a mere facade; there is a volcano simmering within.
- ⌘ The DTF shopping mall in Gurgaon has a complete glass and steel facade.

FACILE

very easy

- ☑ **Syn.** simplistic, schematic
- ★ **Ant.** profound, thorough
- ⌘ She was alarmingly facile when it came to telling lies; they seemed to roll off her tongue.

FACILITATE

to aid, assist

- ☑ **Syn.** enable, expedite
- ★ **Ant.** impede, obstruct
- ⌘ The organisers tried to facilitate social interaction among the delegates by arranging informal games.

FACTIOUS Adj., FACTION N.

turbulent, given to faction, seditious

- ☑ **Syn.** defiant, rebellious, insubordinate
- ★ **Ant.** obedient, compliant, amenable
- ⌘ The factious teens can go to extremes if their wishes are not fulfilled.
- ⌘ There have been hundreds of factions in Congress party.

FAD N.

a transient hobby or craze, an unimportant belief

- ☑ **Syn.** fashion, trend, vogue, whim, cult
- ⌘ A palm-top is the latest fad among young executives.

FAIT ACCOMPLI N.

an accomplished fact, a thing already done and cannot be changed

- ⌘ The widening cyberspace is a fait accompli now.

FALLACIOUS

wrong, unsound, illogical

- ☑ **Syn.** inaccurate, misguided
- ★ **Ant.** true, correct
- ⌘ "The Earth is flat" is a fallacious statement.

FALLOW Adj.

left unsown after tilling

- ☑ **Syn.** uncultivated, unsown, crop-free
- ★ **Ant.** refined, cultured, educated
- ⌘ Farmers have been told they cannot be eligible for government support unless they leave a certain amount of land fallow.

FAMISH V., FAMISHED Adj.

to feel very hungry

- ⌘ To a famished palate no food is insipid.
- ⌘ They were tired and famished after long trek across the desert.

FANATIC Adj., N., FANATICISM N.

extravagantly or unreasonably zealous, excessively enthusiastic

- ☑ **Syn.** extremist, uncompromising
- ⌘ Religious fanaticism leads to bigotry.
- ⌘ The fanatic youth in Pakistan burnt effigies of Musharraf for his support to Bush administration.

FANCIFUL Adj.

whimsical, visionary

- ☑ **Syn.** imaginary, fantastic, unlikely
- ⌘ His ideas may sound fanciful but he is a true visionary.

FARCE N., FARCICAL Adj.

broad comedy, mockery

- ☑ **Syn.** shambles, travesty, circus, sham
- ⌘ The whole show turned out to be a farce.
- ⌘ You have put me into a farcical situation.

FASCISM

an extremely authoritarian form of a government

- ☑ **Syn.** despotism, dictatorship, tyranny
- ⌘ Mussolini played a key role in the rise of fascism in Italy in the 1920s.

FASTIDIOUS

careful with details, finicky

- ☑ **Syn.** meticulous, painstaking
- ★ **Ant.** careless, sloppy
- ⌘ Ajay was normally so fastidious that Leena was astonished to find his desk cluttered.

FATUOUS Adj.

silly, imbecilic, foolish, idiotic

- ☑ **Syn.** stupid, childish, inane, absurd
- ★ **Ant.** sensible, rational, reasonable
- ⌘ He made some sort of fatuous suggestion about standing on a chair to do the job.

FAUNA N.

the animals living in a region or in a particular period

- ⌘ She took part in an expedition to explore and describe the flora and fauna of the Amazon basin.

FAUX PAS (*FO PA*)

a disastrous blunder, a very big mistake

- ✗ He committed a faux pas by walking in front of the dignitary instead of staying two steps behind.

FAWN V., N., **FAWNING** Adj.

a young deer; to flatter in a servile way; courting favour by cringing and flattering

- ☑ **Syn.** yellowish-brown, beige, mushroom, buff
- ✗ The fawning hangers-on of a filmstar lead a parasite-like life.
- ✗ The journalists fawned over her like she was some sort of a queen.

FAZE V.

to disturb the composure of, disconcert

- ☑ **Syn.** discomfit, rattle
- * **Ant.** relax, relieve
- ✗ After suffering the trauma of being a prisoner of war for five years, nothing fazed him anymore.

FEASIBLE

possible, capable of being done

- ☑ **Syn.** viable, practicable
- * **Ant.** impossible, non-viable
- ✗ As it was not feasible to distribute free CDs, the music store decided to consider a different method of promotion.

FECKLESS

ineffective, careless

- ☑ **Syn.** irresponsible, incompetent
- * **Ant.** worthy, competent
- ✗ Anju took on the responsibility of caring for her aged mother, realising that her feckless brother was not up to the task.

FECUND

fertile, fruitful

- ☑ **Syn.** productive, generative
- * **Ant.** barren, degenerative
- ✗ The outsourcing idea appeared useless in the beginning but turned out to be very fecund for the organisation.

FEIGN N., **FEIGNED** Adj.

to pretend, disguise

- ☑ **Syn.** put on, simulate, act as if, invent
- ✗ Foxes often feign death to catch an easy prey.
- ✗ The servant feigned ignorance during police interrogation, casting a shadow on his possible involvement in the crime.

FEISTY

excitable, easily drawn into quarrels

- ☑ **Syn.** snappish, irritable
- * **Ant.** cool-tempered, unirritable
- ✗ The feisty old lady alienated her neighbours with her habit of picking up fights with anyone who crossed her.

FELICITOUS Adj., **FELICITATION** N.

very appropriate, pertinent, well chosen, fortunate, fit, suitable, pleasant

- ☑ **Syn.** lucky, blessed, fortuitous
- * **Ant.** out of luck, hapless, unfortunate
- ✗ He thanked the retiring director for his contribution, summing up his achievements in a few felicitous phrases.

FELINE Adj.

like a cat

- ☑ **Syn.** catlike, slinky, subtle, graceful
- ✗ The feline grace of Madhu Sapre on the ramps made her a super model.

FELON N., **FELONY** N.

a person who has committed a serious crime

- ☑ **Syn.** criminal, murderer, thief
- ✗ The weak laws embolden felony.

FEROCIOUS Adj., **FEROCITY** N.

savage, fierce, cruel

- ☑ **Syn.** vicious, violent, brutal, very bad
- * **Ant.** calm, kind, tender, moderate
- ✗ She fought the robbers with the ferocity of a lioness.
- ✗ The prime minister came in for some ferocious criticism from the opposition.

FERRET V.

to investigate carefully and reveal

- ☑ **Syn.** hunt, rummage, furrow, flush
- ✗ I know his name but I haven't yet managed to ferret out his address.

FERVENT Adj., **FERVOUR** N.

hot, ardent, zealous, passionate, fervid, full of strong and sincere emotions, impassioned

- ☑ **Syn.** keen, avid, eager, burning
- * **Ant.** unresponsive, apathetic
- ✗ It was a debate which aroused fervent ethical arguments.
- ✗ There was no holding back the crowd's fervour when Ronaldo arrived on the field.

FERVID

passionate, intense, zealous

- ☑ **Syn.** whole-hearted, heartfelt
- * **Ant.** half-hearted, dispassionate
- ✗ His fans were particularly fervid, doing anything to catch a glimpse of the great singer.

FESTER V.

to cause increasing irritation, to exist in a state of progressive deterioration, rankle

- ⌘ The municipal corporation allowed slums to fester and today they have become a nuisance for the authorities.

FETE N.

a festival, a holiday

- ☑ **Syn.** bazaar, fair, gala, party
- ⌘ They're holding the college fete on the greens adjacent to the auditorium.

FETID Adj.

stinking, having a foul odour, malodorous

- ☑ **Syn.** rotten, putrid
- ★ **Ant.** fresh, fragrant
- ⌘ The fetid air of the prison cell made her vomit.

FETISH N.

anything which a person irrationally reveres or worships, charm, obsession, talisman, amulet

- ☑ **Syn.** thing, fixation, mania, inclination
- ⌘ That old, chewed-up square of blanket is of our dog's fetish.
- ⌘ He has a fetish for cleanliness.

FETTER V., N.

to restrain from motion; a chain or shackle on the feet

- ☑ **Syn.** tie, bind, chain, confine
- ⌘ You cannot be unconventional when you are fettered by traditions.
- ⌘ He broke the fetters loose and escaped from a high security prison.

FEUDAL Adj.

pertaining to feuds of fiefs, belonging to feudalism

- ⌘ For years the feudal system followed in India was responsible for the misery of poor farmers.

FIASCO

disaster, utter failure

- ☑ **Syn.** debacle, wreck
- ★ **Ant.** success, triumph
- ⌘ After the lead guitarist turned up drunk, it was hardly surprising that the concert ended up being an utter fiasco.

FICTITIOUS Adj., FICTION N.

imaginary, invented, made-up, unreal

- ☑ **Syn.** untrue, fabricated, invented
- ★ **Ant.** factual, truthful, realistic, honest
- ⌘ The actor has dismissed the recent rumours about his private life as fictitious and malicious.

FIDELITY

loyalty, constancy

- ☑ **Syn.** devotedness, faithfulness
- ★ **Ant.** disloyalty, infidelity
- ⌘ A traitor is someone whose fidelity is questionable.

FIGMENT N.

a fabrication or invention, fiction

- ☑ **Syn.** creation, illusion, fantasy
- ⌘ Ghosts are just figments of one's imagination.

FILCH V.

to steal, burglarise, appropriate, to steal in a sneaky way (usually something of minor value)

- ☑ **Syn.** steal, pinch, rob, thief, snatch
- ⌘ Don't filch any of those cookies before they've had time to cool.

FILIGREE N.

delicate, lacelike metalwork

- ⌘ The sunlight shining through the branches made a filigree pattern on the tiles.

FILLIP V.

to stimulate, incite

- ☑ **Syn.** boost, tonic, spur, impetus, zest
- ⌘ The government intends to provide a fillip to infrastructure development in India.

FILTH N.

obscenity, foul matter

- ☑ **Syn.** dirt, grime, refuse, debris
- ⌘ People complained in the press about the filth on the roads.

FINESSE N.

highly artful, skilled, superb technique, adroitness

- ☑ **Syn.** skill, flair, grace, elegance, poise
- ★ **Ant.** clumsiness, awkwardness
- ⌘ She has handled these difficult negotiations with tremendous finesse.

FINICKY

fussy, difficult to please

- ☑ **Syn.** exacting, over-critical
- ★ **Ant.** encouraging, undemanding
- ✗ The finicky child rejected every dish on the menu much to the exasperation of his parents.

FISSION – process of splitting into two parts

- ☑ **Syn.** separation, disjuncture
- ★ **Ant.** fusion, combination
- ✗ The discovery of the process of nuclear fission enabled scientists to construct the atom bomb.

FITFUL Adj.

spasmodic, intermittent

- ☑ **Syn.** disturbed, restless, sporadic
- ★ **Ant.** unbroken, constant, steady
- ✗ I had a fitful sleep last night.

FLABBERGASTED Adj., **FLABBERGAST** V.

stunned, confounded, confused

- ☑ **Syn.** shocked, staggered, amazed
- ✗ The successive exposure of scams flabbergasted the Indian populace.
- ✗ The flabbergasted photographer couldn't react when Britney Spears spat on him.

FLACCID Adj.

flabby, loose, not firm, drooping, not competent

- ☑ **Syn.** sagging, lifeless
- ★ **Ant.** firm, solid, hard, rigid, secure
- ✗ The flaccid leadership at the company was responsible for its fall.

FLAGRANT

outrageous, shameless

- ☑ **Syn.** blatant, brazen
- ★ **Ant.** unobtrusive, slight
- ✗ His flagrant disregard for the rules resulted in his dismissal from the job.

FLAIR N.

a natural aptitude for some art, game or trait

- ☑ **Syn.** style, finesse, flamboyance
- ✗ The head of the department has a great flair for public speaking.

FLAMBOYANT

flashy, garish, exciting, dazzling

- ☑ **Syn.** showy, ostentatious
- ★ **Ant.** modest, restrained
- ✗ The actor's flamboyant clothing made him stick out among the crowd.

FLAUNT V.

to display in an impudent, brazen, ostentatious or gaudy manner, to show off

- ☑ **Syn.** exhibit, display, parade
- ✗ Guys love flaunting their bikes and girls their mobiles.

FLAY V.

to remove the skin from, to subject to severe criticism

- ☑ **Syn.** whip, lash, thrash, criticise
- ✗ In Pakistan, liars and robbers are flayed.
- ✗ In prehistoric times, people used flint to flay the animals they killed.

FLEDGLING N.

novice, inexperienced, tyro

- ☑ **Syn.** baby bird, baby chicken
- ✗ The current economic climate is particularly difficult for fledgling businesses.

FLEECE N., V.

wool coat of a sheep; to strip of money or property by fraud or extortion

- ☑ **Syn.** swindle, con, rip off, cheat
- ✗ The bureaucrats fleeced him but did not manage a licence for him.

FLICK N., V.

a quick, light blow or stroke; the slight sound; a movie

- ☑ **Syn.** brush, tap, flip
- ✗ Cows flick their tails to brush away flies annoying them.
- ✗ Are you coming to watch the latest Bond flick this Saturday at the multiplex?

FLIMSY Adj.

weak, thin, without strength

- ☑ **Syn.** fragile, delicate, insubstantial
- ★ **Ant.** strong, powerful, muscular
- ✗ She looked sensuous and seductive in a flimsy night gown.
- ✗ The storm flattened the flimsy wooden huts that the villagers lived in.

Mini Revision Test

Match each word in the first column with its meaning in the second column.

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|---------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. fastidious | a. meticulous |
| 2. fecund | b. glaringly bad |
| 3. fidelity | c. fertile |
| 4. flagrant | d. loyalty |
| 5. flout | e. to disregard contemptuously |

Answer Key - Mini Revision Test

1.(a) 2.(c) 3.(d) 4.(b) 5.(e)

FLINCH V.

to shrink back due to pain, fear etc.

- ☑ **Syn.** recoil, strong, shy away, balk
- ☒ In spite of the anaesthetic, the patient flinched as the doctor dug his scalpel into her leg.

FLIPPANT Adj., **FLIPPANCY** N.

talkative, frivolous, impertinent, airy

- ☑ **Syn.** offhand, glib, dismissive
- ★ **Ant.** serious, grave, solemn, somber
- ☒ His flippancy at busy hours of work is despised by all.
- ☒ This article has been written in a very flippant style.

FLIT V.

to pass quickly from one place or condition to another

- ☒ Ramola flits from one boyfriend to another.

FLORID

gaudy, extremely ornate, ruddy, flushed

- ☑ **Syn.** flamboyant, over-elaborate
- ★ **Ant.** pale, plain
- ☒ The palace had been decorated in a florid style; every surface had been carved and gilded.

FLOUNDER

to falter, waver

- ☑ **Syn.** to muddle, struggle
- ★ **Ant.** prosper, make good progress
- ☒ The previously glib defendant began to flounder when the prosecutor found a hole in his story.

FLOUT

to treat contemptuously, scorn

- ☑ **Syn.** defy, disdain
- ★ **Ant.** obey rules
- ☒ The motorist flouted traffic rules and rashly cut across several lanes.

FLUCTUATE

to alternate, waver

- ☑ **Syn.** vacillate, oscillate
- ★ **Ant.** be steady, unequivocal
- ☒ Prices of certain stocks fluctuate so much that it is risky to invest in them.

FLUKE N.

an accidental success

- ☑ **Syn.** accident, stroke of luck
- ☒ Taiwan's success in computer hardware is not a fluke.

FLUSTER V.

confuse, a nervous state

- ☑ **Syn.** bother, agitate, upset, muddle
- ★ **Ant.** soothe, calm, pacify, appease
- ☒ During the enquiry he continuously flustered the cops.

FOIBLE N.

a minor weakness, short coming, defect or imperfection

- ☑ **Syn.** quirk, bad habit, eccentricity
- ☒ Great leaders have their own foibles that sometimes cost the nations greatly.

FOIL V.

defeat, frustrate

- ☑ **Syn.** thwart, outwit
- ☒ An attempted coup against the country's military ruler was foiled yesterday.

FOLIATE

to grow, sprout leaves

- ☒ The plant looked dead, so Vicky was astonished when it began to foliate.

FOMENT

to arouse or incite

- ☑ **Syn.** instigate, provoke
- ★ **Ant.** discourage, extinguish
- ☒ The protesters tried to foment public opinion against the war through their speeches and demonstrations.

FOOLHARDY Adj., **FOOLHARDINESS** N.

foolishly adventurous and bold; rash

- ☑ **Syn.** reckless, risky, imprudent
- ★ **Ant.** sensible, sane, rational, shrewd
- ☒ He made a foolhardy attempt to climb the tree in order to rescue the kitten.
- ☒ It would be foolhardiness on her part to risk all her savings on this crazy scheme.

FORAY N., V.

an attempt, a venture or expedition

- ☑ **Syn.** raid, venture, sortie, assault
- ☒ Reliance's foray into biomedical research will also be successful.
- ☒ She forayed into acting before starting a career as a model.

FOREBODE V., **FOREBODING** N.

to prognosticate, to have a premonition of evil

- ☑ **Syn.** foretell, portend, prophesy
- ☒ Forebodings about the end of the world by the year 2000 were ridiculous.

FORENSIC Adj.

relating to the application of scientific knowledge to legal problems

- ☒ Forensic examination revealed a large quantity of poison in the dead man's stomach.

FORESHADOW V.

give an indication beforehand, portend, prefigure

- ☒ The recent outbreak of violence was foreshadowed by isolated incidents in the city earlier this year.

FORESTALL

to prevent, delay, anticipate

- ☑ **Syn.** apprehend, hamper
- ★ **Ant.** encourage, facilitate
- ☒ The landlord waited outside the door to forestall the tenant's attempt to slip away.

FORETHOUGHT

anticipation, foresight

- ☑ **Syn.** insight, prudence
- ★ **Ant.** hindsight, negligence
- ☒ With a little forethought you could have made your presentation a lot more effective.

FORLORN Adj.

neglected, wretched, quite lost, forsaken

- ✎ The forlorn victims of Bhopal gas tragedy died slow deaths.

FORMIDABLE Adj.

causing fear, inspiring awe fostering respect or awe, arousing fear or worry

- ☑ **Syn.** alarming, dreadful, terrifying
- ✎ A formidable opposition is what every ruling alliance dreads.

FORMULATE

to conceive, devise, express, state

- ☑ **Syn.** to draft, plan
- ✎ The marketers formulated a new advertising strategy to launch the product in the market.

FORSAKE

to abandon, withdraw from

- ☑ **Syn.** renounce, disown
- ★ **Ant.** keep, return to
- ✎ Criminals on death penalty tend to feel that everyone has forsaken them.

FORSWEAR V.

renounce, abandon

- ☑ **Syn.** disavow, reject, disown, abjure
- ✎ He was courageous enough to forswear his religion by birth.

FORTE N.

something in which one excels, special strength or skill, what you're known for

- ☑ **Syn.** strong point, speciality, gift
- ★ **Ant.** failing, deteriorating
- ✎ Laila's forte was bellydancing but she was also an excellent ballerina.

FORTIFY V., **FORTIFICATION** N.

to strengthen, invigorate, confirm, enrich

- ☑ **Syn.** make stronger, reinforce, brace
- ★ **Ant.** weaken, damage, fail, wane, fade
- ✎ The Great Wall of China was made to protect Chinese territory from Mongol attacks.

FORTITUDE N.

courage in endurance, persistence, vigour

- ☑ **Syn.** courage, resilience, guts, grit
- ✎ The fortitude of Tilak was inspiring.

FORTUITOUS

happening by luck, fortunate

- ☑ **Syn.** inadvertent, accidental
- ★ **Ant.** predictable, foreseen
- ✎ Rukmini got her start in the music industry when she fortuitously met a talent scout during a show.

FOSTER

to nourish, cultivate, promote

- ☑ **Syn.** encourage, espouse
- ★ **Ant.** neglect, suppress
- ✎ The record agent fostered the development of his clients by sending them to singing lessons.

FRACAS

noisy dispute

- ☑ **Syn.** commotion, scuffle
- ★ **Ant.** concord, harmony
- ✎ When the bandits discovered that the gambler was cheating them at cards, violent fracas ensued.

FRACTIOUS

unruly, rebellious

- ☑ **Syn.** disobedient, uncontrollable
- ★ **Ant.** dutiful, contented
- ✎ The general had a hard time maintaining discipline among his fractious troops.

FRANTIC Adj.

marked by fast and nervous or anxiety driven activity

- ☑ **Syn.** anxious, frenzied, frenetic
- ★ **Ant.** tranquil, peaceful, calm, still
- ✎ A frantic search is on for the assassin.

FRAUDULENT

deceitful, dishonest, unethical

- ☑ **Syn.** duplicitous, unscrupulous
- ★ **Ant.** honest, above board
- ✎ The factory engaged in fraudulent practices, producing radios with spurious components.

FRAUGHT Adj.

filled with, laden, accompanied by

- ☑ **Syn.** burdened, full, filled
- ★ **Ant.** lacking, absent, missing
- ✎ Life is fraught with opportunities if you can see them.

FRENZY N., **FRENZIED** Adj.

violent excitement

- ☑ **Syn.** fury, anger, rage, passion
- ★ **Ant.** calmness, serenity, peace
- ✎ The frenzy of a mob on the rampage is difficult to control.
- ✎ The frenzied crowd was restless as soon as their favourite hero alighted from the plane.

FRESCO N.

a mode of painting upon walls covered with damp plaster

- ☑ **Syn.** wall painting, mural, frieze
- ✎ The frescoes of Ajanta caves were discovered by a British citizen.

FRIGID Adj., **FRIGIDITY** N.

intensely cold

- ☑ **Syn.** cold, frosty, chilly, icy, glacial
- ★ **Ant.** torrid, hot, stifling, scorching
- ✎ Many parts of Russia are in the frigid zone.
- ✎ Her frigidity kept people off her.

FRITTER V.

to waste away little by little, squander, dissipate

- ☑ **Syn.** dribble away
- ★ **Ant.** conserve, save, preserve, keep
- ✎ Do not fritter away your education in gossip and trivialities.

FRIVOLOUS Adj., **FRIVOLITY** N.

silly, trifling

- ☑ **Syn.** playful, frolicsome, flippan
- ★ **Ant.** serious, important, acute, severe
- ⌘ My friends enjoyed my frivolity in their leisure but they never took me seriously otherwise.
- ⌘ He is generally a good student but he is inclined to be frivolous in group discussions.

FROLIC N., V., **FROLICSOME** Adj.

gaiety, prank

- ☑ **Syn.** play, skip, leap, cavort, gambol
- ⌘ The kids were frolicking at the party.
- ⌘ The two teams were so unevenly matched that the game was little more than a frolic for the winning side.

FRUGAL Adj., **FRUGALITY** N.

economical, sparing, thrifty, sparing, careful about how money or goods are used

- ☑ **Syn.** thrifty, prudent, sparing
- ★ **Ant.** spendthrift, wastrel, squanderer
- ⌘ Chetna says she has enough money to last through the month but only if she is frugal in her spending.
- ⌘ Judging by their frugality, you would never guess they were rich.

FUGITIVE Adj., N.

fleeing, evanescent, wandering

- ☑ **Syn.** escapee, deserter, renegade
- ⌘ Fugitive families who fled the fighting in the cities are now trying to survive in the mountains.

FULSOME Adj.

disgustingly insincere, immoderate; overabundant, overdone, obsequious or servile

- ☑ **Syn.** flattering, excessive, immoderate
- ⌘ He earned the fulsome praise of the chief minister.
- ⌘ The fulsome chrome glitter of escalator dominated the central hall.

FUNERAL

mournful, appropriate to a funeral

- ☑ **Syn.** solemn, gloomy
- ★ **Ant.** cheerful, lively
- ⌘ Depressed by the party's funereal atmosphere, Suzanne decided to leave early.

FURORE N.

an angry or maniacal fit, frenzy; an outburst of public excitement

- ⌘ A furore erupted over the court's verdict on legalising homosexual marriages.

FURTIVE

secret, stealthy

- ☑ **Syn.** surreptitious, sly
- ★ **Ant.** open, above board
- ⌘ Glenn furtively peered out of the corner of his eye at the stunningly beautiful model.

FUSILLADE N.

simultaneous discharge of firearms, barrage, burst

- ⌘ Twenty-eight demonstrators were shot dead and 188 wounded in a five-minute fusillade of automatic fire.

FUSION – process of merging things into one

- ☑ **Syn.** amalgamation, coalescence
- ★ **Ant.** fragmentation, separation
- ⌘ Cement is formed by the fusion of shale and limestone.

FUSSY Adj.

choosy, discriminating, particular, picky

- ☑ **Syn.** finicky, selective
- ★ **Ant.** cool, relaxed, tranquil
- ⌘ The old man is fussy.
- ⌘ The children are so fussy about the food that I don't know what to cook.

FUZZY Adj.

blurred, not clear

- ☑ **Syn.** hairy, downy, blurry, unclear
- ★ **Ant.** clear, transparent, lucid
- ⌘ You can pick up a lot of stations on the car radio but the sound is usually quite fuzzy.

Biochemistry

The following are 10 words that are related to the topic mentioned above.

BILIOUS	: affected by or associated with nausea or vomiting
CARCINOGEN	: any cancer-causing substance
CYTOLOGY	: the study of cells
DETRITUS	: decaying organic matter lying just below the surface
ENZYME	: protein which acts as a biological catalyst
IMMISCIBLE	: not capable of being mixed
LIPID	: a fatlike substance that cannot be dissolved in water
OSMOSIS	: diffusion of substance in a liquid solution across a membrane
SUBSTRATE	: any substance which is acted on or altered by an enzyme
VISCERAL	: relating to deep inward feelings rather than to intellect