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RACKET N.

illegal profit-making deal, scam, swindle

- ☑ **Syn.** row, noise, din, commotion
- 🗑 **Ant.** Surprisingly, a policeman was also involved in the protection racket.

RACONTEUR N.

storyteller

- ☑ **Syn.** narrator, storyteller
- 🗑 He knew many jokes and was a brilliant raconteur.

RADICAL

fundamental, drastic

- ☑ **Syn.** exhaustive, rudimentary
- ★ **Ant.** superficial, conservative
- 🗑 Bored with her appearance, Lucy decided to make a radical change and dyed her hair bright purple.

RAGAMUFFIN N.

person wearing tattered clothes

- ☑ **Syn.** urchin, waif
- 🗑 One can find scores of ragamuffins begging near the traffic signals.

RAKISH Adj.

stylish, sporty

- ☑ **Syn.** dashing, debonair, jaunty, carefree
- ★ **Ant.** shabby, dull
- 🗑 He was a rakish guy who set fashion trends in the college.

RAMBLE N., V.

wander aimlessly, itinerate, discuss

- ☑ **Syn.** walk, hike, stroll, wander
- 🗑 I love to ramble through the fields.

RAMIFICATION N.

consequence, progression, branching out

- ☑ **Syn.** result, implication, corollary
- 🗑 The collapse of communism in Russia had global ramifications.

RAMPAGE N.

riot, stampede, storm

- ☑ **Syn.** charge, run riot, storm, go wild
- 🗑 The troops went on a rampage through the conquered territory.

RAMPANT Adj. , RAMPANCY N.

unrestrained, free, audacious

- ☑ **Syn.** uncontrolled, unbridled, wild
- ★ **Ant.** controlled, restricted, limited
- 🗑 Corruption has become rampant in the country.

RAMSHACKLE Adj.

dilapidated, falling to pieces

- ☑ **Syn.** rickety, tumbledown
- ★ **Ant.** sturdy, strong, powerful
- 🗑 There's a ramshackle old shed at the bottom of the garden.

RANCID Adj.

tasting or smelling bad

- ☑ **Syn.** sour, stale, putrid, fetid
- ★ **Ant.** fresh, sweet, pleasant
- 🗑 A rancid smell pervaded the dockyard.

RANCOUR N.

dislike, bitterness, hate, acrimony, antipathy

- ☑ **Syn.** resentment, bitterness, spite
- ★ **Ant.** amicability, affability, philanthropic
- 🗑 As he denounced the government, we could hear the rancour behind every word.

RANKLE V.

irritate, fester

- ☑ **Syn.** annoy, irk
- 🗑 It still rankles that my junior got promoted and I didn't.

RAPACIOUS Adj. , RAPACITY N.

greedy, grabbing

- ☑ **Syn.** greedy, voracious, grasping
- 🗑 Rapacious soldiers looted the houses in the city.

RAPPORT N.

harmony, intimacy, liaison, association

- ☑ **Syn.** relationship, understanding
- 🗑 Maintaining rapport with those in power is crucial for the growth of many an industrial empire.

RAPT

deeply absorbed

- ☑ **Syn.** engrossed, preoccupied
- ★ **Ant.** uninterested, inattentive
- 🗑 Surprisingly, the normally restless infant sat rapt in attention during the classical music performance.

RASH

careless, hasty

- ☑ **Syn.** reckless, impulsive
- ★ **Ant.** cautious, prudent
- 🗑 Rash driving can be injurious to one's own health.

RATIFY V.

approve formally, confirm, verify

- ☑ **Syn.** sanction, endorse, corroborate
- ★ **Ant.** reject, revoke
- 🗑 The countries decided to ratify the Free Trade Agreement within one month.

RATIOCINATION N.

reasoning, act of drawing conclusion from premises

- ✎ Her gift of ratiocination helped her immensely in her research work.

RATIONAL Adj.

open to logical reason or being reasonable; of sane mind

- ☑ **Syn.** lucid, balanced, sane, normal
- ★ **Ant.** illogical, unreasonable, foolish
- ✎ We need to decide what would be the most rational course of action.

RAUCOUS Adj.

noisy, blatant, rough, harsh

- ☑ **Syn.** rough, harsh, strident, hoarse
- ★ **Ant.** soft, yielding, spongy
- ✎ I think their music is rather raucous.

RAVAGE V.

to plunder, devastate, maraud

- ☑ **Syn.** devastate, destroy, desolate
- ✎ Chechnya is a province ravaged by war.

RAVE N.

overwhelmingly favourable review; praise enthusiastically; talk in a noisy or excited manner

- ☑ **Syn.** talk wildly, rant, ramble
- ✎ The critics gave a rave review of the movie and were all praise for the director.

RAVENOUS Adj.

very hungry, voracious, covetous

- ☑ **Syn.** famished, starving, starved
- ★ **Ant.** full, filled, occupied
- ✎ Growing children have ravenous appetites.

RAVINE

deep, narrow gorge

- ☑ **Syn.** canyon, gully
- ✎ Police officers scoured the crime scene for days and finally found the murder weapon in a ravine.

RAZE V.

destroy completely

- ☑ **Syn.** demolish, annihilate, level, wreck
- ★ **Ant.** construct, put up, erect, make
- ✎ The land mafia wants to raze the ancient structure so that it can grab the land.

REACTIONARY Adj.

recoiling from progress; retrograde

- ☑ **Syn.** diehard, conservative
- ★ **Ant.** activist, campaigner, protester, objector
- ✎ It is surprising that the urban educated support this party which is so blatantly reactionary.

REBUFF V. N.

snub; beat back

- ☑ **Syn.** rejection, refusal, snub, denial
- ★ **Ant.** accept, welcome
- ✎ I rebuffed his proposal in the most polite manner.

REBUKE V.

scold, berate, admonish

- ☑ **Syn.** censure, reprimand, reproach
- ★ **Ant.** praise, admire, commend, extol
- ✎ Her mother rebuked her for frightening her brother.

REBUTTAL N.

refutation, response with contrary evidence

- ☑ **Syn.** disproof, confutation, denial
- ★ **Ant.** acceptance, receipt, taking
- ✎ She issued a point-by-point rebuttal of the company's accusations.

RECALCITRANT Adj.

stubborn, unmanageable, unruly

- ☑ **Syn.** intractable, refractory, wayward
- ★ **Ant.** well-behaved, obedient, dutiful
- ✎ Overindulgent parents tend to raise recalcitrant children.

RECAVE V.

to take back, recede, retract, rescind

- ☑ **Syn.** renounce, disavow, deny
- ✎ The witness was forced to recant by the mafia.

Mini Revision Test

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

- | | |
|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 1. provincial | a. foolishly romantic |
| 2. proximity | b. consequence |
| 3. prudent | c. nearness |
| 4. quixotic | d. narrow in outlook |
| 5. ramification | e. careful |

Answer Key - Mini Revision Test

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

RECAPITULATE V.

to repeat the main points of an argument

- ☑ **Syn.** sum up, summarise, run through
- ⌘ In any formal meeting, it is necessary to recapitulate the proceedings of the earlier meeting.

RECEPTIVE

open to others' ideas, congenial

- ☑ **Syn.** open-minded, acceptant
- ★ **Ant.** resistant, unresponsive
- ⌘ The software company was quite old but the management was receptive to new ideas.

RECIDIVISM N.

habitual return to crime

- ⌘ Unlike men, women are rarely recidivist and tend to reform.

RECLUSE N.

person who leads a solitary life, loner

- ☑ **Syn.** hermit, outsider, ascetic
- ⌘ A recluse leads an austere life away from the humdrum.

RECLUSIVE

shut off from the world

- ☑ **Syn.** secluded, isolated
- ★ **Ant.** gregarious, sociable
- ⌘ Anthony's reclusive tendencies led him to leave the city and move into a lonely cabin in the mountain

RECONCILE V.

correct inconsistencies, become friendly after a quarrel

- ☑ **Syn.** settle, square, reunite, resolve
- ★ **Ant.** estrange, alienate
- ⌘ It's nice to see the two friends reconcile after their bitter fight last year.

RECONDITE Adj.

esoteric, obscure, abstruse

- ☑ **Syn.** complex, hidden, concealed
- ★ **Ant.** mainstream, normal, typical
- ⌘ They left the physicist in peace, happily grappling with some recondite formula.

RECONNOITRE V. RECONNAISSANCE N.

to make a survey to get information especially for military operations

- ⌘ Their ground forces were able to manoeuvre and reconnoitre without any danger of air attack.

RECOUNT V.

narrate or tell; count over again

- ☑ **Syn.** tell, narrate, relate, report
- ⌘ I listened to him recount an anecdote about a woman he'd met on a train.

RECRUIT

enlist, to seek

- ☑ **Syn.** to draft, to enroll
- ★ **Ant.** dismiss, disband
- ⌘ Companies often send representatives to college campuses to recruit bright young employees.

RECRIMINATION N.

countercharges, act of accusing in return

- ☑ **Syn.** accusation, reproach, allegation
- ⌘ Divorce proceedings normally witness bitter recriminations from both parties.

RECTITUDE N.

uprightness, integrity

- ☑ **Syn.** morality, goodness
- ★ **Ant.** wickedness, immorality
- ⌘ An austere man of unquestioned moral rectitude, Tushar inspired deep devotion in those who worked for him.

RECTIFY

to correct

- ☑ **Syn.** amend, reform
- ★ **Ant.** perpetrate, damage
- ⌘ Most people would rectify their errors if they are given the opportunity.

RECURRENCE

repetition

- ☑ **Syn.** happen again, happen repeatedly
- ⌘ The frequent recurrence of cancer even after it is seemingly cured makes it a particularly terrible disease.

REDOLENT Adj.

fragrant; odorous

- ☑ **Syn.** evocative, suggestive, reminiscent
- ⌘ The movie was redolent of the golden era of Indian music.
- ⌘ The whole household was redolent with the smell of spices, a sure sign grandma was at work in the kitchen.

REDOUBTABLE Adj.

formidable, causing fear

- ☑ **Syn.** impressive, terrible, fearsome
- ⌘ Even at this age, Martina Navratilova is a redoubtable opponent for anyone.

REDRESS N.

remedy, compensation

- ☑ **Syn.** restore, equalise, rectify
- ⌘ SEBI is the agency that ensures redressal of investor grievances.

REDUNDANCY

unnecessary repetition

- ☑ **Syn.** superfluity, uselessness
- ★ **Ant.** usefulness, efficacy
- ⌘ The editor suggested deletion of some paragraphs as there was too much redundancy in the article.

REFORM

to change, correct

- ☑ **Syn.** improve, alter
- ★ **Ant.** preserve, maintain
- ✍ The new mayor struggled to reform the corrupt administration, to keep her promise to the voters.

REFRACTORY Adj.

stubborn, unmanageable; capable of enduring high temperature

- ☑ **Syn.** unruly, intractable, disobedient
- ★ **Ant.** good, obedient, dutiful
- ✍ He was a spoilt child, quite refractory and rather repulsive in his manners.

REFRAIN V.

abstain from, resist

- ☑ **Syn.** desist, abstain, cease, renounce
- ★ **Ant.** persist, persevere, continue
- ✍ An audience cannot be refrained from joining in during a chorus rendition.

REFUGE

escape, shelter

- ☑ **Syn.** asylum, sanctuary
- ✍ As the storm broke, the couple took refuge under a tree.

REFULGENT Adj.

brightly shining, gleaming

- ✍ The refulgent orb of the Golden Temple is a heartening sight to every devotee.

REFURBISH V.

rejuvenate, revamp, restore, polish up

- ☑ **Syn.** renovate, smarten up
- ✍ The developers refurbished the house inside and out.

REFUTE V.

disprove

- ☑ **Syn.** contest, rebut, counter
- ★ **Ant.** prove, show, confirm
- ✍ The barrister used new evidence to refute the charges and clear the defendant.

REGALE V.

entertain, supply lavishly

- ☑ **Syn.** amuse, delight, fascinate
- ✍ The old man regaled us with stories of his youth as we waited for the rain to abate.

REGIMEN N.

prescribed diet and habits

- ☑ **Syn.** routine, schedule, treatment
- ✍ Physical fitness requires a strict regimen.

REGRESS

to move backward, revert to an earlier form or state

- ☑ **Syn.** deteriorate, retrogress
- ★ **Ant.** progress, improve
- ✍ Elderly people who suffer from senility often regress to the early years of their childhood.

REHABILITATE

to restore to good health or condition, re-establish a person's good reputation

- ☑ **Syn.** restore, reinstate
- ✍ The star wanted to get rid of her drug addiction and checked into a clinic in order to rehabilitate herself.

REITERATE

to say or do again, repeat

- ☑ **Syn.** restate, retell
- ✍ The teacher was forced to reiterate the instructions because some students had come late.

REJOINDER N.

retort, comeback, reply

- ☑ **Syn.** response, answer, reply
- ✍ She always has a witty rejoinder to any question.

REJUVENATE V.

to make someone young again, invigorate

- ☑ **Syn.** revitalise, revive, renew, restore
- ✍ She felt rejuvenated by her fortnight in the Bahamas.

RELEGATE V.

banish to an inferior position, delegate, assign

- ☑ **Syn.** downgrade, exile, demote
- ★ **Ant.** upgrade, promote
- ✍ He disliked being relegated to doing all the menial jobs around the house.

RELENT V.

give in

- ☑ **Syn.** cave in, concede, surrender
- ★ **Ant.** stand firm, hold on, hold out
- ✍ Her parents just did not relent when she wanted the liberty to choose her lifemate.

RELIC N.

object which has been left over from the past

- ☑ **Syn.** historical object, artifact, remains
- ✍ The archaeologists wanted to cordon off the site where the relics were found but the villagers were more worried about their farms than some "useless" pieces of pottery.

RELINQUISH V.

resign, surrender, abdicate, quit

- ☑ **Syn.** give up, abandon, resign
- ★ **Ant.** retain, keep, hold
- ✍ She relinquished responsibility for the family investments to her son.

RELISH V.

savour; enjoy

☑ **Syn.** like, appreciate

★ **Ant.** dislike, detest, abhor

🗒 I want to relish each and every moment of my holiday.

REMEDIAL

capable of being corrected

☑ **Syn.** curable, treatable

★ **Ant.** irremediable, incurable

🗒 In the belief that the juvenile thief was remedial and not a hardened criminal, the judge put him on probation.

REMINISCENCE

remembrance of past events

☑ **Syn.** recall, recollection

★ **Ant.** amnesia, forgetfulness

🗒 The old timer's reminiscence of his childhood was of a time when there were no cars.

REMISS Adj.

negligent

☑ **Syn.** careless, lax, slipshod

🗒 It was remiss of me to forget to give you the message.

REMIT

to send (usually money) as payment

☑ **Syn.** dispatch, transmit

🗒 Every month, the sailors had to remit part of their pay to creditors in the village.

REMNANT N.

remainder, residue, vestige

☑ **Syn.** remainder, remains, relic

🗒 The remnants of the marriage party littered the lawn.

REMONSTRATE V. REMONSTRANCE N.

to protest against something

☑ **Syn.** argue, protest, object

★ **Ant.** concur, consent, correspond

🗒 We called an agitation to remonstrate against the company's policies.

REMORSE N.

regret, sorrow, penitence, guilt

☑ **Syn.** sorrow, guilt, compunction

🗒 The criminal did not deny his behaviour and showed no remorse for the pain he had caused.

REMUNERATION

pay or reward for work

☑ **Syn.** emoluments, wages

🗒 You can't expect people to do this kind of boring work without some form of remuneration.

RENDEZVOUS N.

meeting place, appointment

☑ **Syn.** tryst, assignation, assembly point

🗒 The lovers met at a secret rendezvous in the park.

RENEGADE Adj.

rebel, dissident, agitator

☑ **Syn.** traitor, rebel, turncoat

🗒 The political party was weakened by the renegades clamouring for their share of the spoils of power.

RENEGE

to go back on one's word

☑ **Syn.** repudiate, retract

★ **Ant.** keep, honour

🗒 Hitler reneged on his promise not to attack the Soviet Union when his troops invaded the country during World War II.

RENOUCE V.

resign, quit, relinquish

☑ **Syn.** reject, relinquish, abandon

★ **Ant.** accept, believe, recognise

🗒 Buddha renounced the world.

RENOWN

fame, widespread acclaim

☑ **Syn.** stardom, eminence

★ **Ant.** anonymity, obscurity

🗒 Having spent his whole childhood banging on things, Siva grew up to be a great drummer.

Mini Revision Test

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

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|-----------------|-----------------------|
| 1. rebuke | a. hard to understand |
| 2. recalcitrant | b. criticize sharply |
| 3. recant | c. publicly deny |
| 4. reclusive | d. stubbornly defiant |
| 5. recondite | e. hermitlike |

Answer Key - Mini Revision Test

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

REPARTEE N.

series of witty answers in a conversation

- ☑ **Syn.** banter, jousting, wordplay
- ☒ Oscar Wilde's plays are full of witty repartee.

REPEL

repulse, disgust, offend

- ☑ **Syn.** to rebuff, parry
- ★ **Ant.** be overwhelmed by, welcome
- ☒ So far, the castle defenders have managed to repel the attackers.

REPERTOIRE N.

talents, acts, catalogue

- ☑ **Syn.** range, list, stock
- ☒ The comedy artist had many funny acts and anecdotes in his repertoire.

REPINE V.

fret, complaint

- ☑ **Syn.** mope, languish, lament
- ☒ She was left all alone when her husband went away but she did not repine and was quite resolved to get on with her life.

REPLICA N.

dummy, duplicate, copy

- ☑ **Syn.** copy, imitation, model
- ★ **Ant.** unique, innovative, creative
- ☒ The ship is an exact replica of the original *Golden Hind*.

REPREHENSIBLE Adj.

blameworthy, culpable, felonious

- ☑ **Syn.** guilty, in the wrong, to blame
- ★ **Ant.** innocent, blameless, guiltless
- ☒ Your behaviour is reprehensible and sets a bad example for the youngsters.

REPRIEVE N.

interruption, rest, amnesty

- ☑ **Syn.** official pardon, acquittal
- ★ **Ant.** charge, punish
- ☒ The holiday brought a long-desired reprieve from work.

REPRIMAND N., V.

severe rebuke, scolding, chide

- ☑ **Syn.** warning, talking to, telling off
- ★ **Ant.** praise, commend, compliment
- ☒ His boss reprimanded for being late yet again.

REPRISAL N.

retaliation

- ☑ **Syn.** payback, punishment
- ☒ The king marshalled his troops fearing reprisal from the rebels.

REPROACH V.

condemn, berate, admonish, scold

- ☑ **Syn.** criticism, censure, reprimand
- ★ **Ant.** praise, commend, compliment
- ☒ The students were reproached for not completing their task on time.

REPROBATE N.

person hardened in sin; devoid of decency

- ☑ **Syn.** rogue, profligate, debauchee
- ★ **Ant.** principled, upright, virtuous
- ☒ Our elections witness many a reprobate vouching for morality.

REPROVE V. REPROOF N.

censure; rebuke

- ☑ **Syn.** criticise, accuse, scold, tell off
- ★ **Ant.** praise, compliment
- ☒ The teacher gently reproved the boys for not paying attention.

REPUDIATE V.

to reject or refuse to accept, condemn, exile

- ☑ **Syn.** reject, disclaim, renounce, rebut
- ★ **Ant.** acknowledge, admit, recognise
- ☒ He repudiated the allegation that he had tried to deceive them.

REPUGNANT Adj. REPUGNANCE N.

unpleasant, nasty, loathing

- ☑ **Syn.** disgusting, revolting, repulsive
- ★ **Ant.** good looking, gorgeous
- ☒ The repugnant acts of the U.S military in Iraq has shocked the world.

REPULSE

sicken, disgust

- ☑ **Syn.** repel, fend off
- ★ **Ant.** be overpowered by, be overwhelmed by
- ☒ He thinks women can't resist him, when in reality many of them are repulsed by his arrogance.

REQUIRE V.

repay, revenge

- ☑ **Syn.** return, reciprocate, avenge
- ☒ Ram swore to requite the atrocities heaped on his family.

RESCIND V.

cancel, abrogate, annul, quash

- ☑ **Syn.** revoke, abolish
- ★ **Ant.** assign, consign
- ☒ If you continue to lose library books, we will rescind your right to borrow them.

RESENTMENT N.

indignation; bitterness; displeasure

- ☑ **Syn.** anger, vexation, discontent
- ★ **Ant.** contentment, happiness
- ☒ He could hardly hide his resentment when his opponent was awarded the trophy.

RESILIENT Adj.

pliable, flexible, alterable

- ☑ **Syn.** elastic, flexible, pliant
- ★ **Ant.** unbending, inflexible, stiff
- ⌘ Only the most resilient of the lot will survive the 16 mile trek along the countryside.

RESOLUTE

determined, with a clear purpose

- ☑ **Syn.** purposive, resolved
- ★ **Ant.** irresolute, doubtful
- ⌘ Louise was resolute; she would get into medical school no matter what.

RESOLVE(n)

determination, firmness of purpose

(v) – to conclude, determine

- ☑ **Syn.** resolution, perseverance
- ★ **Ant.** indeterminateness, indecision
- ⌘ I admire your resolve, but is it really a good idea to go through with the marathon in this bad weather?

RESPIRE N.

delay in punishment, interval of relief; rest

- ☑ **Syn.** interval, break, breather
- ⌘ Although neither side was satisfied with the treaty, both sides recognised the need for some respite from two years of conflict.

RESPLENDENT Adj.

very splendid, glowing

- ☑ **Syn.** dazzling, magnificent, glorious
- ⌘ The resplendent Moghul architecture is evident in The Taj and other historical buildings.

RESTIVE Adj.

restlessly impatient; obstinately resisting control

- ☑ **Syn.** agitated, anxious, recalcitrant
- ★ **Ant.** calm, biddable, peaceable
- ⌘ The star was very late in his arrival and the crowd was growing increasingly restive.

RESTORATIVE

having the power to renew or revitalise

- ⌘ Indu told all her friends about the miraculous restorative powers of herbal tea.

RESTRAINED

controlled, repressed, restricted

- ☑ **Syn.** reticent, discreet
- ★ **Ant.** immoderate, emotional
- ⌘ The formerly wild girl became restrained and serious after a month in the strict boarding school.

RESURGENT Adj. **RESURGE** V.

rising again after a defeat; new increase in interest or activity

- ⌘ In his article, he talks of the resurgent fundamentalism in many religious movements.

RESURRECT V. , **RESURRECTION** V.

revive, rebuild, restore

- ☑ **Syn.** bring back to life, restore to life
- ★ **Ant.** kill, slay, take life
- ⌘ Over the past few months, she has been busily trying to resurrect her career in telecom.

RETAIN

to hold, keep possession of

- ☑ **Syn.** keep, engage
- ★ **Ant.** give up, dismiss
- ⌘ Britain had to give up most of its colonies, but it retained control over Hong Kong until very recently.

RETALIATE V.

repay in kind, usually for bad treatment

- ☑ **Syn.** hit back, get even, react
- ★ **Ant.** believe, recognise, admit
- ⌘ The terrorists retaliated by launching a bomb attack.

RETARD

to slow, hold back

- ☑ **Syn.** hinder, delay
- ★ **Ant.** accelerate, expedite
- ⌘ She thought bonsai was a cruel way to retard the normal growth of plants.

RETICENT Adj.

taciturn, uncommunicative

- ☑ **Syn.** secretive, shy, laconic
- ★ **Ant.** gregarious, talkative, verbose
- ⌘ A reticent man would be uncomfortable in the presence of gregarious people.

RETINUE N.

followers, escort

- ☑ **Syn.** entourage, followers, attendants
- ⌘ A whole retinue accompanies the film star on all outdoor shoots regardless of the need and the cost.

RETIRING

shy, modest, reserved.

- ☑ **Syn.** diffident, unassuming
- ★ **Ant.** bold, outgoing
- ⌘ A shy and retiring man, he was horrified at the idea of having to speak in public.

RETORT N.

quick, sharp reply

- ☑ **Syn.** reply angrily, rejoin, snap
- ⌘ She was ready with a retort every time he chose to chastise her on her conduct.

RETRENCHMENT N. **RETRENCHMENT** V.

reduction, cutback

- ☑ **Syn.** cutback, economising
- ⌘ Workers' retrenchment is an emotionally charged issue.

RETRIBUTION N.

well deserved punishment

- ☑ **Syn.** vengeance, revenge, justice
- ☒ The cruel pirates feared nothing, not even divine retribution.

RETRIEVE V. RETRIEVAL N.

recover, find and bring in

- ☑ **Syn.** get back, regain, salvage
- * **Ant.** misplace, mislay, drop
- ☒ Computers are used to store and retrieve information efficiently.

RETROGRADE V., Adj.

go backwards; degenerate

- ☑ **Syn.** retrospective, nostalgic
- * **Ant.** activist, advanced, futuristic
- ☒ Some regard the rampant growth in consumerism to be a retrograde step in the spiritual evolution of man.

RETROSPECT V., RETROSPECTIVE Adj., RETROSPECTION N.

recall, recollect, reminisce

- ☒ In retrospection, the past is always glorious.

REVELRY N.

boisterous merrymaking

- ☑ **Syn.** festivities, celebrations, partying
- ☒ The revelries next door kept me awake all night.

REVERBERATE V.

echo, resonate,

- ☑ **Syn.** ring,
- ☒ The hall reverberated with the applause of the audience.

REVERENT Adj., REVERENCE N. , REVERE V.

respectful; respect

- ☑ **Syn.** deferential, reverential, awed
- * **Ant.** disrespectful, cheeky, mocking
- ☒ There is a thin line between a reverent attitude towards a person and hero worshipping.

REVERIE N.

daydream, musing

- ☑ **Syn.** dream, trance
- ☒ He was shaken out of his reverie by the ground realities of life around.

REVILE V.

slander; vilify

- ☑ **Syn.** insult, abuse, scorn
- * **Ant.** admire, praise, commend
- ☒ His is the nasty habit of reviling anybody.

REVOKE V.

to cancel, abrogate, annul

- ☑ **Syn.** annul, withdraw, retract, repeal
- * **Ant.** maintain, uphold, preserve
- ☒ The authorities have revoked their original decision to develop a public park here.

REVULSION N.

disgust, aversion, repulsion

- ☑ **Syn.** revolt, nausea, horror
- * **Ant.** attraction, magnetism, pull, draw
- ☒ A person suffering from jaundice develops a revulsion for food.

RHAPSODY N.

music, poetry, ecstasy, bliss

- ☑ **Syn.** rapture, enthusiasm
- * **Ant.** gloom, darkness, shade
- ☒ There was much rhapsody in her farewell speech and it left all eyes moist.

RHETORIC N.

art of speaking forcefully and eloquently

- ☑ **Syn.** public speaking, language
- ☒ The art of rhetoric begins with a strong idea and good grammar.

RIBALD Adj.

vulgar, obscene, crude, erotic, wanton

- ☑ **Syn.** coarse, vulgar, bawdy
- * **Ant.** sophisticated, superior
- ☒ The programme's humour was too ribald for the evening's audience.

RIFE Adj.

teeming, swarming, prevalent

- ☑ **Syn.** widespread, common, rampant
- * **Ant.** sparse, thin, spare, light
- ☒ There is every evidence that corruption is rife in the government.

RIFT N.

opening, break

- ☑ **Syn.** crack, gap, hole
- ☒ The marriage caused a rift between the brothers and they didn't speak to each other for ten years.

RIG V.

fix, manipulate

- ☑ **Syn.** distort, falsify
- ☒ The party tried to rig the elections by setting up fake candidates.

RIVETING Adj.

absorbing; engrossing

☑ **Syn.** fascinating, enthralling

★ **Ant.** boring, monotonous, dull

☞ He may never win the Pulitzer but his books are very riveting.

ROBUST Adj.

strong, vigorous, sturdy, muscular

☑ **Syn.** healthy, vigorous, hearty

★ **Ant.** feeble, frail, puny

☞ Robust health was the old man's greatest asset.

ROCOCO Adj.

ornate, highly decorated

☑ **Syn.** ostentatious, flamboyant

★ **Ant.** plain, simple

☞ The living room was furnished in rococo style.

RUE N.

regret or sorrow

☑ **Syn.** be remorseful, lament

☞ You will rue the day you insulted me.

RUMINATE V.

chew over and over (mentally or physically) mull over, ponder

☑ **Syn.** meditate, contemplate, brood

☞ Shekhar wanted to be alone so that he could ruminate over the unexpected turn of events in his life.

RUSE N.

trick; stratagem

☑ **Syn.** ploy, tactic, machination, subterfuge

☞ It was a ruse to trap him into confessing.

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

CONGENITAL	:	existing or dating from birth; inbred; inborn; innate
EMETIC	:	any substance used to induce vomiting
FEBRILE	:	feverish
GERIATRIC	:	relating to medical care and treatment of the elderly
HOSPICE	:	a shelter for the sick, dying, or underprivileged (or for travelers)
MORBIDITY	:	the incidence or prevalence of disease (or death)
NATAL	:	pertaining to birth
PLACEBO	:	a pill, medicine, or procedure prescribed more for the psychological benefit to the patient of being given prescription than for any physiological effect
PROSTHESIS	:	an artificial body part.
VENTILATOR	:	an appliance or aperture for artificial respiration