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QUACK N.

sound made by a duck; an unqualified doctor

- ☑ **Syn.** fraud, charlatan, cheat, hypocrite
- ⌘ Do not take his advice seriously – he’s a quack.

QUAFF V.

drink with relish

- ☑ **Syn.** drink, swill, imbibe, guzzle
- ⌘ He’s always quaffing these strange herbal medicines, which he thinks will make him healthier.

QUADRUPED

animal having four feet

- ⌘ After injuring my back, I could only manage to move around like a quadruped.

QUAGMIRE N.

soft boggy area of land that gives way underfoot; an awkward, complex or hazardous situation

Syn. swamp, morass, mess, predicament, plight

- ⌘ After the killing of the gangster’s son the whole village has sunk into a quagmire of violence and arson.

QUAIL V.

cower; lose heart

- ⌘ The brave do not quail in the face of danger.

QUAINT Adj.

oddly, odd fashioned, picturesque

- ☑ **Syn.** old world, charming
- ⌘ They may be a little quaint and conservative but I found them quite adorable.

QUALIFIED Adj.

limited, restricted

- ☑ **Syn.** fit, capable, competent, skilled
- ⌘ An MBA does not mean that you are automatically qualified for the managing director’s job.

QUALM N.

a feeling of guilt or worry, compunction

- ☑ **Syn.** misgiving, doubt, bad feeling
- ⌘ Most parents have occasional qualms about whether they’re doing the best thing for their children.

QUANDARY N.

dilemma, enigma, predicament, puzzle

- ☑ **Syn.** fix, jam, difficulty
- ⌘ Govt. is in a quandary over the exit policy issue.

QUARANTINE N.

period of time when someone has to be kept in isolation to prevent spreading an infectious disease; enforced isolation

- ☑ **Syn.** seclusion, exile
- ⌘ The horse had to spend several months in quarantine when it reached Britain.

QUARRY N., V.

place where stones are dug out of ground; prey, game; to mine, to dig

- ☑ **Syn.** pit, excavation
- ⌘ The pack of wild dogs pursued their quarry for several miles, and went in for the kill when it was exhausted.

QUASH V.

subdue, crush, squash

- ☑ **Syn.** suppress, repress
- ★ **Ant.** bring about, prompt
- ⌘ The military was sent in to quash the rebellion in the city.

QUEASY Adj.

feeling sick, restless, squeamish

- ☑ **Syn.** nauseous, sick, ill
- ⌘ The ill-informed and half-educated youth of today beget a queasy feeling in us.

QUELL V. to calm, stifle, annihilate

- ☑ **Syn.** suppress, subdue, crush, quash
- ★ **Ant.** provoke, inflame, rouse, goad
- ⌘ The army quelled the rebellion and arrested dozens of participants.

QUERULOUS Adj.

bad-tempered, peevish, complaining

☑ **Syn.** argumentative, difficult, irritable

★ **Ant.** friendly, sociable, affable

✗ He became increasingly dissatisfied and querulous in his old age.

QUIBBLE N.

arguments about details, dispute

☑ **Syn.** equivocate, hedge, nitpick, cavil

✗ Quibbles have become the norm in parliament.

QUIETUDE N.

tranquillity

☑ **Syn.** tranquillity, calmness, quietness

★ **Ant.** activity, movement, stir, flurry

✗ He liked the place because of its quietude.

QUINTESSENCE N.

essence, core, crux, gist, pith, substance

☑ **Syn.** embodiment, epitome, soul

✗ Mother Teresa was the quintessence of compassion and sacrifice.

QUIP N., V.

taunt, a witty remark

☑ **Syn.** jest, pun, repartee

✗ Shraddha's quip failed to evoke any laughter from her audience.

QUIRK N.

abnormality, idiosyncrasy

☑ **Syn.** peculiarity, trait

✗ By the quirk of fate, we ended up on the same train.

QUISLING N.

person who betrays his country or cause

☑ **Syn.** collaborator, turncoat, renegade

✗ Terrorist organisations have become the breeding ground of quislings.

QUIVER N., V.

container for arrows; slight shake, tremor; to tremble

☑ **Syn.** shudder, shiver

✗ The opening bars of the music sent a quiver of excitement through the crowd.

QUIXOTIC Adj.

strange, impractical

☑ **Syn.** idealistic, unrealistic, romantic

★ **Ant.** practical, realistic, sensible

✗ Any plan to reduce poverty in India can easily be termed as quixotic.

QUIZZICAL Adj.

amused

☑ **Syn.** questioning, curious, puzzled

✗ The quizzical expression on his face is deceptive; he knows exactly what is going on.

QUORUM N.

number of members necessary to conduct a meeting

✗ Four members walked out of the session, with the result that the committee did not have a quorum and could not take any decision.

QUOTIDIAN Adj.

daily, commonplace, customary

✗ Sensational scoops have become quite quotidian in these days of the camera with a sting.

Health Profession

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