



In this chapter, we will discuss words that are frequently asked in CAT examinations. The treatment has been done in such a manner that the meaning is given first, followed by the synonym (noted by the letter S,) and antonym (noted by the letter A).

No.	Word	Definition
A		
1.	abandon	to give up S: Desert, Forsake, Leave A: Retain unrestrained activity, Exuberance
2.	abase	to humiliate S: Scorn, Belittle, Degrade A: Exalt, Cherish
3.	abate	to lessen; to subside
4.	abbreviate	to shorten S: Abridge, Condense A: Expand, Prolong
5.	abdicate	to give up formally S: Resign, Renounce A: Retain, Uphold
6.	abdication	giving up control, authority
7.	aberration	straying away from what is normal
8.	abet	to assist (normally a crime) S: Conspire, Connive A: Dissuade, Deter
9.	abhor	to hate; to detest
10.	abide	be faithful; to endure
11.	abjure	promise or swear to give up
12.	ablution	washing
13.	abridgement	a short summary S: Outline, Abbreviation, Summary, Abstract A: Enlargement, Expansion

14.	abscond	to go away suddenly (to avoid arrest)
15.	abstruse	difficult to comprehend; obscure
16.	abysmal	extremely bad
17.	abyss	a bottomless pit, anything too deep to measure S: Chasm. A: Summit, Elevation
18.	accede	agree to S: Assent, Concur A: Refuse, Dissent
19.	acclaimed	welcomed with shouts and approval
20.	accolade	praise; approval
21.	accost	to approach and speak to S: Greet A: Shun, Avoid
22.	accredit	to approve, certify
23.	accomplice	a partner in crime
24.	acquaint	to inform, to make familiar
25.	acquit	to clear (a person) of a charge
26.	acrid	sharp (as in speech)
27.	acrimony	bitterness or harshness of speech or manner
28.	acronym	word formed from the initial letters of a group of words. Keenness of mind, Insight
29.	acumen	Keenness of mind, Insight
30.	adage	An old saying, Proverb
31.	adamant	inflexible
32.	addle	to become rotten; to become confused
33.	adduce	to offer as example, reason or proof
34.	adjudicate	to settle judicially
35.	adjure	to beg; appeal
36.	admonish	to warn, reprove mildly

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	<i>S: Censure, Rebuke</i>		<i>S: Lure, Inveigle</i>
	<i>A: Applaud, Praise, Compliment</i>		<i>A: Repel, Deter, Discourage</i>
37. admonitory	<i>containing warning</i>	65. aloof	<i>reserved; indifferent</i>
38. ado	<i>fuss, trouble</i>	66. amalgamate	<i>mix, combine, unite</i>
	<i>S: Bustle, Commotion</i>	67. ambient	<i>Surround on all sides</i>
39. adorn	<i>add beauty; decorate</i>	68. ambiguous	<i>doubtful; uncertain</i>
40. adroit	<i>skilful and clever</i>	69. amble	<i>leisurely walk</i>
	<i>S: Proficient, Dextrous</i>	70. amiable	<i>good natured</i>
	<i>A: Awkward, Dull</i>		<i>S: Gentle, Pleasing, Charming</i>
41. adulteration	<i>making impure, poorer in quality</i>	71. amicable	<i>A: Sullen, Churlish, quarrelsome</i>
42. advent	<i>an arrival, coming</i>		<i>friendly, peaceful</i>
43. adventitious	<i>coming from another source and not innate</i>	72. amnesia	<i>A: Warlike, Argumentative</i>
44. adversary	<i>enemy, opponent</i>	73. amorphous	<i>partial or total loss of memory</i>
45. adversity	<i>misfortune, troubled state</i>		<i>without definite form</i>
	<i>S: Distress, Ill luck</i>		<i>S: Undefinable</i>
	<i>A: Fortune</i>	74. analogy	<i>A: Crystalline, definite</i>
46. advert	<i>to call attention to, refer to</i>	75. anarchy	<i>similarity in some way</i>
47. aeon	<i>eternity, immeasurable period</i>		<i>absence of government, political disorder</i>
48. affable	<i>polite and friendly</i>		<i>A: Order, Discipline</i>
49. affinity	<i>close connection, relationship</i>	76. ancillary	<i>helping, subordinate</i>
50. affirm	<i>to declare positively, to confirm</i>	77. anguish	<i>severe suffering</i>
	<i>S: Assert, Declare, Assure</i>	78. animosity	<i>feeling of strong dislike</i>
51. agape	<i>the mouth open wide with surprise</i>		<i>S: Enmity, Hostility, Rancour, Animus</i>
52. aggravate	<i>make worse; irritate</i>		<i>A: Amiability, Friendliness</i>
53. agile	<i>active; quick-moving</i>	79. annihilate	<i>to destroy completely</i>
54. agog	<i>eager; excited</i>	80. annuity	<i>a fixed sum paid every year</i>
55. ail	<i>trouble; be ill</i>	81. annul	<i>to do away with</i>
56. alacrity	<i>eager and cheerful readiness</i>		<i>A: Enforce</i>
57. alcove	<i>recess; partially enclosed place</i>	82. anoint	<i>to put oil on as part of a ceremony</i>
58. alienate	<i>cause to make unfriendly, to distance oneself.</i>	83. anomaly	<i>departure from the usual</i>
	<i>S: Estrange</i>		<i>S: Abnormality</i>
	<i>A: Familiarise</i>	84. anon	<i>A: Normality</i>
59. allay	<i>to calm, quieten</i>		<i>soon</i>
	<i>S: Soothe, Pacify</i>	85. antidote	<i>A: Normality</i>
	<i>A: Agitate, Kindle</i>		<i>medicine used against a poison or a disease</i>
60. allegiance	<i>duty; support; loyalty</i>	86. apiary	<i>a place where bees are kept</i>
61. alleviate	<i>make (pain) easier to bear</i>	87. appease	<i>make quiet or calm</i>
62. allocate	<i>to set apart for a specific purpose.</i>	88. appraise	<i>to assess the value, evaluate</i>
			<i>S: Assess</i>
63. alloy	<i>mixture of two or more metals</i>	89. apprehensive	<i>unhappy feeling about future; anxious</i>
64. allure	<i>to tempt with something desirable</i>	90. apprise	<i>give notice; to inform</i>

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| 91. arcade | <i>a covered passage (especially lined with shops)</i> | 121. badger | <i>to nag, annoy, an animal</i> |
| 92. arcane | <i>secret, mysterious</i> | 122. bait | <i>to persecute; piece of food put in a trap to attract</i> |
| 93. archaic | <i>ancient, old-fashioned</i> | 123. baleful | <i>harmful; ominous; causing evil</i> |
| 94. archives | <i>collection of the historical records or documents of a government or organisation</i> | 124. balk | <i>obstacle; purposely to get on the way of</i> |
| 95. arid | <i>dry and barren, dull</i>
<i>S: Parched, Dry, Bare</i>
<i>A: Lush, Fertile</i> | 125. banal | <i>trite, commonplace</i>
<i>S: Inane, Vapid</i>
<i>A: Fresh, Original, New</i> |
| 96. arrogance | <i>proud superior manner of behaviour</i> | 126. barbaric | <i>Primitive, Uncivilised, Cruel</i>
<i>S: Savage, Inhuman, Tyrannical</i>
<i>A: Civilised, Humane, Cultured</i> |
| 97. articulate | <i>to express oneself in words clearly</i> | 127. barrage | <i>heavy attack</i> |
| 98. articulate | <i>speak distinctly; connect by joints</i> | 128. barrage | <i>artificial obstacle built across a river</i> |
| 99. artefact | <i>a hand-made object</i> | 129. barren | <i>not good enough; unable to have young ones without value</i> |
| 100. ascend | <i>go or come up</i> | 130. bashful | <i>easily embarrassed</i>
<i>S: Shy, Diffident</i>
<i>A: Bold, Adventurous, Arrogant</i> |
| 101. ascendancy | <i>dominance</i> | 131. bask | <i>enjoy warmth and light</i> |
| 102. ascertain | <i>get to know</i> | 132. beacon | <i>a light used for warning or guiding</i> |
| 103. ashen | <i>deadly pale</i> | 133. benediction | <i>something that promotes goodness or well-being</i> |
| 104. asterisk | <i>the star-shaped symbol (*)</i> | 134. benefactor | <i>person who has given help</i> |
| 105. astringent | <i>substance that shrinks</i> | 135. benevolence | <i>wish or activity in doing good</i> |
| 106. atheism | <i>the belief that there is no god</i> | 136. benign | <i>kind and gentle; mild (climate)</i> |
| 107. atonement | <i>repayment, death of Jesus, make amends</i> | 137. berate | <i>scold sharply</i> |
| 108. attune | <i>bring into harmony</i> | 138. bereave | <i>to leave in a sad or lonely state, as by death</i> |
| 109. audacious | <i>daring; foolishly bold; impudent</i> | 139. bereft | <i>rob or dispossess of something (material)</i> |
| 110. august | <i>majestic; venerable</i> | 140. berserk | <i>in or into a violent rage or frenzy</i>
<i>S: Wild, Frenzied</i>
<i>A: Calm, Tranquil</i> |
| 111. auspicious | <i>favorable; successful; prosperous</i> | 141. besiege | <i>to overwhelm, surround</i> |
| 112. austere | <i>severely moral and strict; simple and plain</i> | 142. besotted | <i>made silly or stupid by love</i> |
| 113. auxiliary | <i>helping; supporting</i> | 143. bestial | <i>like a beast</i>
<i>S: Brutish, Savage, Barbaric</i>
<i>A: Civilised, Cultured, Learned</i> |
| 114. aver | <i>affirm; assert; prove; justify</i> | 144. bewilder | <i>puzzle; confuse</i> |
| 115. aversion | <i>strong dislike</i> | 145. bigot | <i>stubborn; narrow-minded person</i> |
| 116. avid | <i>eager; greedy</i> | 146. bizarre | <i>odd, grotesque</i>
<i>S: Eccentric, Unexpected</i>
<i>A: Plain, Commonplace</i> |
| 117. avow | <i>admit; declare openly</i> | | |
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| 118. babble | <i>to talk foolishly or like a small child.</i>
<i>S: Prattle, Chatter, Palaver</i>
<i>A: Wisdom, Wit, Prudence</i> |
| 119. bacchanalia | <i>orgy, wild-drunken party</i> |
| 120. backlog | <i>an accumulation or reserve</i> |

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147. bland	<i>uninteresting</i>		
148. blast	<i>explosion; gust of wind</i>		
149. blatant	<i>boldly conspicuous or obtrusive</i> <i>A: Obscure, Subtle, Hidden</i>	175. caricature	<i>an exaggerated imitation of a person</i> <i>S: Exaggeration, Parody, and Mimicry</i> <i>A: Reality</i>
150. blatant	<i>noisy and rough</i>		
151. blemish	<i>to mar or spoil, a defect</i> <i>S: Flaw, Imperfection</i> <i>A: Embellishment</i>	176. catalyst	<i>substance that causes speeding up</i>
152. bogus	<i>sham; counterfeit; not genuine</i>	177. cataract	<i>a large waterfall; an eye disease</i>
153. boisterous	<i>loud; noisy; rough; lacking restraint</i>	178. catholic	<i>comprehensive; universal</i>
154. bolster	<i>give greatly needed support</i>	179. caustic	<i>biting; sarcastic</i>
155. boorish	<i>crude; offensive; rude</i>	180. cede/cession	<i>to surrender possession of, especially by treaty</i>
156. brainchild	<i>a person's own idea</i>	181. celerity	<i>rapidity of motion or action</i>
157. brash	<i>hasty; rush; cheeky; saucy</i>	182. celestial	<i>of the heavens and sky</i> <i>S: Heavenly, Divine</i> <i>A: Mortal, Earthly, Terrestrial</i>
158. brass	<i>an alloy of copper and zinc</i>	183. celibacy	<i>complete sexual abstinence, the state of being unmarried</i> <i>A: Matrimony</i>
159. bravado	<i>pretended courage or feigned confidence</i> <i>A: Cowardice</i>	184. censure	<i>expression of blame or disapproval; a rebuke</i>
160. bravura	<i>boldness, dashing style</i>	185. chaff	<i>to tease good-naturedly; grain husk</i>
161. brazen	<i>shameless, bold</i> <i>S: Daring</i> <i>A: Submissive, Humble</i>	186. charismatic	<i>possessing spiritual grace, inspiring</i> <i>A: Uninspiring</i>
162. breach	<i>a violation, gap; opening; broken place; breaking</i>	187. chisel	<i>steel tool for shaping materials</i>
163. brittle	<i>easily broken</i>	188. chromatic	<i>of colour</i>
164. broach	<i>bring up; announce; begin to talk about</i>	189. circumscribe	<i>to draw line around; to limit</i>
	C	190. clamor	<i>shout; complain with a lot of noise</i>
165. cacophony	<i>harsh sound</i>	191. clerical	<i>of the clergy or clerk</i>
166. cajole	<i>use flattery or deceit; to persuade</i>	192. clientele	<i>customers</i>
167. callous	<i>hardened, unyielding</i> <i>S: Obdurate, Insensible</i> <i>A: Compassionate, Sympathetic</i>	193. clinch	<i>settle conclusively</i>
168. camaraderie	<i>friendship</i>	194. cling	<i>to resist separation; hold tightly</i>
169. camouflage	<i>A disguise in order to conceal</i>	195. clot	<i>half-solid lump formed from liquid</i>
170. candid	<i>frank; straightforward</i>	196. coax	<i>get somebody to do something by kindness</i>
171. canon	<i>a basic law or principle by which something is judged.</i>	197. coerce	<i>compel or force to make obedient</i>
172. cant	<i>insincere talk; tilt; overturn</i>	198. cognizant	<i>being fully aware of</i>
173. canvass	<i>discuss thoroughly; sort of tutoring; try to get votes or support</i>	199. collusion	<i>secret agreement for a deceitful purpose</i>
174. cardinal	<i>principal, chief, most important</i> <i>S: Fundamental, Vital</i>		

200. comatose	<i>of, like or in a coma, lethargic</i> <i>S: Unconscious</i> <i>A: Alert</i>	230. coy	<i>shy, modest (esp of a girl)</i>
201. combustion	<i>process of burning</i>	231. crass	<i>stupid</i>
202. comely	<i>attractive</i>	232. crease	<i>line made by crushing white line on the ground in cricket; crush</i>
203. commuter	<i>person who travels regularly</i>	233. cringe	<i>to behave in an excessively servile way; flinch</i>
204. compatible	<i>getting along or going together</i> <i>A: Opposite, Intolerant</i>	234. cryptic	<i>secret; with a hidden meaning</i>
205. conceal	<i>hide; keep secret</i>	235. cumbersome	<i>burdensome; heavy and awkward to carry</i>
206. concede	<i>to admit as true, accept</i> <i>S: Surrender, Admit, Own</i> <i>A: Deny, Refuse, Disagree</i>	236. cupidity	<i>greed; lust</i>
207. conceited	<i>having an excessively high opinion of oneself</i>	237. curriculum	<i>course of study</i>
208. concise	<i>brief and to the point</i> <i>S: Compact, Short, Terse</i> <i>A: Diffuse, Repetitive, Wordy</i>	238. cursor	<i>quick, hurried</i>
209. concord	<i>agreement or harmony</i>	239. curtail	<i>make shorter than was planned</i>
210. concur	<i>agree in opinion; happen together</i>	<div style="text-align: center;">B</div>	
211. condense	<i>increase in density, strength; make short</i>		
212. condone	<i>forgive</i>	240. dabble	<i>to play in water as with hands</i>
213. conduct	<i>manage, to lead</i> <i>S: To direct, To transmit or convey, Guide</i> <i>A: Desert, Abandon, Forego</i>	241. daft	<i>silly, inane</i> <i>S: Idiotic, Foolish</i> <i>A: Profound, Wise, Intelligent</i>
214. congenial	<i>kindred, compatible</i>	242. dainty	<i>pretty, delicate (food); difficult to please</i>
215. conjure	<i>to summon as if by magic</i>	243. dally	<i>to deal carelessly (with), trifle</i>
216. connive	<i>to pretend not to look (at crime, etc.), Assist.</i>	244. dearth	<i>shortage</i>
217. conspicuous	<i>easily seen; remarkable</i>	245. debacle	<i>a breakup; overthrow; sudden disaster</i>
218. constrain	<i>compel</i>	246. debutante	<i>a girl making her social debut</i>
219. constrict	<i>make tight or smaller</i>	247. deciduous	<i>ephemeral; of a tree shedding its leaves annually</i>
220. construe	<i>to interpret, to analyse</i> <i>S: Translate, Explain</i>	248. decisive	<i>that settles a dispute</i> <i>A: Indecisive</i>
221. consume	<i>get to the end of; eat</i>	249. declaim/ declamation	<i>to speak pompously or bombastically; protest loudly</i>
222. conviction	<i>firm belief</i>	250. decorum	<i>propriety; properness</i>
223. cordial	<i>warm and sincere</i>	251. decree	<i>order given by authority</i>
224. correlate	<i>have a mutual relation</i>	252. decry	<i>disapprove of</i>
225. corroboration	<i>additional strengthening evidence</i>	253. defer	<i>to postpone; to yield due to respect</i> <i>S: Delay, Adjourn</i> <i>A: Expedite, Hasten, Quicken</i>
226. countenance	<i>to favor or approve of</i>	254. defiance	<i>open disobedience or resistance</i>
227. counterfeit	<i>forgery</i>	255. defile	<i>to pollute, to corrupt</i> <i>A: Glorify</i>
228. covetous	<i>eagerly desirous</i>	256. definitive	<i>conclusive, final</i> <i>S: Precise</i> <i>A: Vague, Confused</i>
229. cower	<i>crouch; shrink back</i>		

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257. deft	<i>skilful</i> S: Adept, Dexterous, Agile A: Awkward, Clumsy, Inept	278. dilate	<i>speak comprehensively; become wider, large</i>
258. demean	<i>to degrade</i> S: Humble A: Honour, Revere	279. dilatory	<i>intended to delay</i>
259. demur	<i>to hesitate; raise objections</i>	280. disabuse	<i>to free from error</i>
260. demure	<i>decorous, modest</i> S: Coy, Shy A: Brazen, Impudent, Shameless	281. disallow	<i>refuse to allow or accept as correct</i>
261. denizen	<i>an inhabitant or frequenter of a particular place</i> S: Citizen A: Alien, Foreigner	282. discern	<i>see with an effort but clearly</i>
262. denounce	<i>condemn publicly</i>	283. discomfit	<i>confuse; embarrass</i>
263. deplete	<i>use until none remains</i>	284. discompose	<i>to destroy the composure of</i>
264. depreciate	<i>to lessen in value</i> S: Undervalue, Lower, Decry A: Boost, Raise, Praise	285. discord	<i>disagreement, quarrel, lack of harmony between musical notes</i>
265. derivative	<i>unoriginal; obtained from another source</i>	286. discourse	<i>speech; lecture</i>
266. derogatory	<i>insulting; tending to damage</i>	287. discredit	<i>refuse to believe</i>
267. desiccant	<i>substance used to absorb moisture</i>	288. discreet	<i>careful, prudent</i>
268. despicable	<i>deserving scorn</i> S: Low, Mean, Cowardly A: High, Noble, Exalted	289. discrete	<i>individually distinct</i>
269. despot	<i>An absolute ruler</i> S: Tyrant A: Democrat	290. discretion	<i>the freedom to make decisions</i>
270. deter	<i>discourage; hinder</i>	291. disdain	<i>look on with contempt</i>
271. detraction	<i>slandering; verbal attack; aspersion</i>	292. disinter	<i>dig up from the earth; reveal</i>
272. detriment	<i>damage</i> S: Harm, Hurt, Injury A: Advantage, Gain, Interest	293. dislodge	<i>remove from the place occupied</i>
273. deviance	<i>being different in moral standards (from normal)</i>	294. dismal	<i>sad; gloomy; miserable</i>
274. devious	<i>not direct, roundabout, Not honest</i> S: cunning, Underhand A: Straightforward, Honest	295. disparate	<i>essentially different</i>
275. dexterity	<i>skill (esp. in handling)</i>	296. disproof	<i>proof to the contrary</i>
276. diffidence	<i>shyness</i>	297. dissemble	<i>speak or behave so as to hide something (in mind)</i>
277. dilapidated	<i>falling to pieces (due to a severe earthquake)</i>	298. dissent	<i>have a different opinion; refuse to assent</i>
		299. dissipate	<i>waste or squander</i>
		300. dissolute	<i>marked by indulgence in vices</i>
		301. dissolution	<i>disintegration; looseness in morals</i>
		302. distraught	<i>distracted violently; upset in mind</i>
		303. divergence	<i>getting farther apart from a point</i>
		304. divulge	<i>make known something secret</i>
		305. dogmatic	<i>positive; certain; arbitrary; without room for discussion</i>
		306. dolt	<i>stupid fellow</i>
		307. dormant	<i>in a state of inactivity but awaiting development</i>
		308. dote	<i>show much fondness; center one's attention</i>
		309. drawl	<i>slow way of speaking</i>
		310. drone	<i>male bee; person who isn't self-employed</i>
		311. drowsiness	<i>feeling sleepy; half asleep</i>

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| 312. drudge | <i>to do hard, menial or monotonous work</i> | 335. embark | <i>Begin a journey or endeavor</i> |
| 313. dubious | <i>feeling doubt or causing doubt</i> | 336. embellish | <i>make beautiful</i> |
| 314. dud | <i>useless person; something that fails</i> | 337. embezzle | <i>use in a wrong way for one's own benefit</i> |
| 315. dupe | <i>cheat; make a fool of</i> | 338. emend | <i>To make scholarly corrections in a text</i>
<i>S: Correct, Revise, Rectify</i>
<i>A: Corrupt, Debase, Spoil</i> |
| 316. duplicity | <i>deliberate deception</i> | 339. emote | <i>stir up; excite</i> |
| 317. dwarf | <i>person or somebody much below the usual size</i> | 340. emulate | <i>to try to equal or surpass; copy</i> |
| 318. dynamo | <i>a generator; something that produces electric current</i> | 341. encapsulate | <i>enclose in capsule</i> |
| E | | 342. encumbrance | <i>burden, things that get in the way of</i> |
| 319. earthenware | <i>dishes made of baked clay</i> | 343. endearing | <i>making dear or liked</i> |
| 320. earthy | <i>coarse, unrefined behaviour; of the earth</i>
<i>A: Cultured, Refined</i> | 344. endorse | <i>write one's name on the back of</i> |
| 321. eddy | <i>circular or spiral movement (e.g., of wind), a current</i> | 345. enduring | <i>lasting</i> |
| 322. edible | <i>fit to be eaten; not poisonous</i> | 346. engrave | <i>impress deeply, carve</i> |
| 323. efficacy | <i>production of a desired result</i> | 347. engrossing | <i>taken up all the time or attention; writing in large or formal way</i> |
| 324. egoism | <i>selfishness</i>
<i>A: Asceticism</i> | 348. engulf | <i>swallow up</i> |
| 325. egotism | <i>excessive reference to oneself in speaking or writing</i>
<i>S: Egoism, Conceit</i>
<i>A: Humility</i> | 349. enmity | <i>hatred; being an enemy</i> |
| 326. egress | <i>way out; exit</i> | 350. ennui | <i>boredom</i> |
| 327. elaborate | <i>worked out with much care, in great detail</i> | 351. enormity | <i>of great size, number, etc. huge; a serious crime</i>
<i>S: Vast, Immense</i>
<i>A: Smallness, Insignificance</i> |
| 328. elan | <i>spirited self-assurance</i>
<i>S: Vivacity, Enthusiasm, Exuberance</i>
<i>A: Sobriety, Depression</i> | 352. ensign | <i>flag; badge</i> |
| 329. elegiac | <i>Sad, Mournful</i>
<i>A: Happy</i> | 353. entangle | <i>put into difficulties; involve as in a tangle</i> |
| 330. elegy | <i>a lament; a melancholy composition</i> | 354. enthrall | <i>please greatly; enslave (fig.)</i> |
| 331. elicit | <i>draw out</i> | 355. entice | <i>tempt or persuade</i> |
| 332. eloquence | <i>fluent speaking; skillful use of language</i> | 356. entreat | <i>ask earnestly</i> |
| 333. emaciate | <i>make thin and weak</i> | 357. enunciate | <i>pronounce (words); express a theory</i> |
| 334. emanate | <i>to come forth, Issue, as from a source</i>
<i>S: Emerge, Originate</i>
<i>A: Stop</i> | 358. enzyme | <i>catalyst</i> |
| | | 359. eon | <i>an extremely long, indefinite period of time</i> |
| | | 360. epitome | <i>representative example; a typical model</i> |
| | | 361. equable | <i>steady; regular</i> |
| | | 362. equilibrium | <i>state of being balanced</i> |
| | | 363. eradicate | <i>get rid of; pull up by the roots</i> |
| | | 364. erratic | <i>irregular in behaviour or opinion</i> |
| | | 365. erudite | <i>learned; scholarly</i> |

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366. espouse	<i>marry; give one's support to</i>	394. ferocity	<i>savage cruelty</i>
367. etiquette	<i>the forms, manners, etc. conventionally acceptable or required in society, profession, etc.</i>	395. fervor	<i>warmth of feelings; earnestness</i>
368. eulogy	<i>formal praise; panegyric</i>	396. feud	<i>bitter quarrel over a long period of time</i>
369. euphoria	<i>elation; state of pleasant excitement</i>	397. fidelity	<i>loyalty; accuracy</i>
370. euthanasia	<i>easy and painless death</i>	398. fidgit	<i>move restlessly; make nervous</i>
371. evasive	<i>tending to evade</i>	399. figurehead	<i>carved image on the brow of a ship; nominal leader</i>
372. evoke	<i>call up; bring out</i>	400. finesse	<i>delicate way of dealing with a situation</i>
373. exasperate	<i>to irritate</i>	401. finical	<i>too fussy about food, clothing, etc.</i>
	<i>S: Exacerbate, Provoke</i>	402. finicky	<i>finical</i>
374. excerpt	<i>A: Mollify, Placate, Conciliate</i>	403. fission	<i>splitting or division (esp. of cells)</i>
	<i>a passage or extract from a book, film or piece of music</i>	404. fixate	<i>stare at</i>
375. exhaustive	<i>complete; thorough</i>	405. flak	<i>criticism; anti-aircraft guns</i>
376. exigency	<i>emergency; an urgent situation</i>	406. flamboyant	<i>brightly colored; florid</i>
377. exorbitant	<i>much too high or great</i>	407. flaunting	<i>show off complacently</i>
378. expedient	<i>likely to be useful for a purpose</i>	408. flax	<i>pale; yellow (hair); a plant</i>
379. exploit	<i>brilliant achievement; develop, use selfishly</i>	409. fleet	<i>number of ships; quick-moving</i>
380. extempore	<i>without previous thought or preparation</i>	410. flop	<i>fail; move; fall clumsily</i>
381. extinct	<i>no longer active</i>	411. florid	<i>very much ornamented; naturally red (e.g., of face)</i>
382. extinguish	<i>end the existence of; wipe or put out</i>	412. flout	<i>reject, mock; to go against (as in going against tradition)</i>
383. extol	<i>praise highly</i>	413. fluke	<i>lucky stroke</i>
384. extort	<i>obtain by threats, violence</i>	414. fluster	<i>make nervous or confused</i>
385. extrovert	<i>cheerful person</i>	415. foil	<i>prevent from carrying out; contrast</i>
	E	416. foment	<i>put something warm (to lessen the pain)</i>
386. fallacious	<i>based on error</i>	417. foolproof	<i>incapable of failure or error</i>
387. falter	<i>waver; move in an uncertain manner</i>	418. forbear	<i>refrain from; be patient; ancestor</i>
388. fanciful	<i>imaginary</i>	419. forbearance	<i>patience; willingness to wait</i>
389. fawn	<i>young deer; try to win somebody's favor</i>	420. forensic	<i>belonging to courts of judicature</i>
390. feign	<i>to pretend</i>	421. forerunner	<i>a sign that tells or warns of something to follow</i>
	<i>S: sham, dissemble, simulate, counterfeit</i>		<i>S: Herald, Harbinger, Predecessor</i>
391. felon	<i>person guilty of murder</i>		<i>A: Successor, Offspring</i>
392. femur	<i>thighbone, longleg bone extending from the pelvis to the knee</i>	422. forfeit	<i>suffer the loss of something</i>
393. ferment	<i>undergo fermentation; become excited, commotion</i>	423. forge	<i>workshop for the shaping of metal; to shape metal lead</i>
		424. forgery	<i>counterfeit</i>

425. forte	<i>that which one does particularly well</i>	447. garish	<i>gaudy</i> <i>S: Ostentatious</i>
426. forthright	<i>direct and frank</i> <i>S: Outspoken, Straightforward</i> <i>A: Obscure, Veiled</i>	448. garment	<i>article of clothing</i>
427. foster	<i>nurture; care for</i>	449. garnish	<i>to decorate</i> <i>S: Embellish, Adorn, Beautify</i> <i>A: Spoil, Disfigure, Impair</i>
428. fragile	<i>easily injured, broken or destroyed</i>	450. gasket	<i>a layer of packing material like a sheet of asbestos, etc. used for making gas-tight joints</i>
429. frantic	<i>wildly excited with joy; anxiety</i>	451. gasp	<i>to gape for breath</i>
430. fraternal	<i>brotherly</i>	452. gawk	<i>to stare stupidly</i>
431. fraudulent	<i>based on or using fraud</i> <i>S: Cheating, Deceitful</i> <i>A: Honest</i>	453. gawky	<i>clumsy</i> <i>S: Awkward, Ungainly</i> <i>A: Elegant</i>
432. fray	<i>to wear out by use, cloth etc.</i> <i>S: frazzle, tatter</i>	454. generic	<i>of a whole class, kind or group</i> <i>S: Typical, Characteristic, Common</i> <i>A: Individual, Particular</i>
433. frenzied	<i>wildly, insanely, excited</i> <i>S: wild, frantic, hysterical</i>	455. genteel	<i>polite or well bred</i> <i>S: Polished, Refined, Cultured</i> <i>A: Rough, Coarse, Ill-bred</i>
434. fret	<i>worry; irritation; wear away</i>	456. gentry	<i>people of the upper class</i>
435. fringe	<i>edge; ornamental border; part of hair over the forehead</i>	457. gesticulate	<i>to make lively gestures</i> <i>S: Signal, Pantomime</i> <i>A: Insulting remark</i>
436. frolicsome	<i>light-hearted, gay</i> <i>S: playful, pranks</i>	458. gibe	<i>An insulting remark</i> <i>S: Scoff, Sneer, Mock</i> <i>A: Praise, Exalt, Applaud</i>
437. frugal	<i>careful; economical</i>	459. gild	<i>to cover with gold or gold-like substance; gift</i>
438. futile	<i>useless</i> <i>S: Trifling, Trivial, Vain</i> <i>A: Effective, Satisfactory, Fruitful</i>	460. girth	<i>circumferential measure of thickness</i>
G		461. gist	<i>the point; general sense</i>
439. gala	<i>a festivity, celebration, commemoration</i>	462. gleam	<i>to glow or shine, to flash</i>
440. gale	<i>cyclone, hurricane, storm, tempest</i>	463. glib	<i>ready and smooth but not sincere</i>
441. gallant	<i>brave, noble, attentive to ladies, amorous</i>	464. glimmer	<i>weak, unsteady light, twinkle</i>
442. gallivant	<i>(derogatory) to go about from one place to another in search of pleasure</i>	465. gloss	<i>brightness, polish, radiance, luster; shine</i>
443. galvanise	<i>to stimulate</i>	466. gnarled	<i>contorted, twisted, weather-beaten, knotty</i>
444. gambol	<i>frolic, play</i>	467. gnaw	<i>waste away; bite steadily</i>
445. gamut	<i>the entire range or extent</i> <i>S: Range, Scope, Purview</i>	468. goad	<i>something urging a person to action</i>
446. gape	<i>to stare with open mouth, to be wide open</i> <i>S: Gawk, ogle, peer</i>	469. gorge	<i>eat greedily; narrow opening with a stream</i>
		470. gouge	<i>tool for cutting grooves in wood; scoopout</i>

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471. grave	<i>serious; requiring consideration</i>	496. hermaphrodite	<i>a person, animal or plant with sexual organs of both male and female</i>
472. gravel	<i>an assemblage of stones</i>	497. heterogeneous	<i>made up of different kinds</i>
473. graze	<i>touch or scrape lightly in passing, feed on grass</i>	498. heyday	<i>the time of greater vigor, prosperity etc.</i>
474. grievous	<i>causing grief or pain; serious</i>	499. hibernate	<i>to spend the winter in a dormant state (of animals), to be inactive (person) with superior tastes</i>
475. grimace	<i>make a distorted face</i>	500. highbrow	<i>to keep back, stop</i>
476. grit	<i>persistence, stamina, pluck, determination</i>	501. hinder	<i>S: Impede, Obstruct, Prevent A: Help, Assist, Further</i>
477. grovel	<i>crawl; humble oneself</i>	502. hinterland	<i>The land away from a river</i>
478. grueling	<i>exhausting</i>	503. hirsute	<i>hairy; shaggy</i>
479. grumpy	<i>peevish S: Morose, Irritable, Surly A: Amicable, Gentle</i>	504. hoax	<i>mischievous trick played on somebody for a joke</i>
480. guild	<i>an association for mutual aid/help</i>	505. hobnob	<i>To be on close terms (with the government) A: Alienate, Estrange</i>
481. guise	<i>external appearance, manner, behaviour, dress</i>	506. homicide	<i>the killing of one person by another</i>
482. gullible	<i>easily tricked</i>	507. hone	<i>stone used for sharpening tools, sharpen</i>
483. gush	<i>burst out suddenly; talk ardently</i>	508. hoodwink	<i>trick; mislead</i>
484. gust	<i>outburst of feeling; sudden rain, wind, fire, etc.</i>	509. hospitable	<i>to give hospitality, welcoming to guests</i>
485. gyrate	<i>To move in a circular or spiral path S: Spin, Whirl, Rotate</i>	510. hush	<i>make or become silent</i>
H		511. husk	<i>worthless outside part of anything (seed, fruit, etc.)</i>
486. hack	<i>cut roughly; hired horse</i>	512. hypocrisy	<i>falsely making oneself appear to be good</i>
487. hardihood	<i>resolute; courage and fortitude</i>	I	
488. harmonious	<i>having parts arranged in an orderly, pleasing way S: Agreeable, Concordant, Congruous A: Dissonant, Opposed, Incompatible</i>	513. icon	<i>an image, figure, statue</i>
489. haughty	<i>arrogant; conceited</i>	514. idealism	<i>behaviour or thought based on a conception of things as one thinks they should be</i>
490. heady	<i>intoxicating</i>	515. ignoramus	<i>an ignorant person S: Dunce, Dolt, Dope A: Genius, Prodigy, Scholar</i>
491. heed	<i>attention; give notice to</i>	516. illegible	<i>hard or impossible to read because badly written or printed S: Unreadable, Indecipherable A: Legible, Readable, Decipherable</i>
492. heinous	<i>odious (of crime)</i>		
493. hematology	<i>the study of blood and its diseases</i>		
494. hereditary	<i>of, or passed down by inheritance from an ancestor S: Inherited, Congenital</i>		
495. heresy	<i>belief contrary to what is generally accepted</i>		

517. illicit	<i>unlawful; forbidden</i>	544. incise	<i>engrave; make a cut in</i>
518. illusion	<i>an unreal or misleading appearance or image</i> <i>S: Fantasy, Image</i> <i>A: Reality, Fact</i>	545. incite	<i>stir up; rouse</i>
519. immaculate	<i>pure; faultless</i>	546. incoherent	<i>Not logically connected, Disjointed</i> <i>S: Confused</i> <i>A: Clear, Vivid</i>
520. imminent	<i>likely to come or happen soon</i>	547. incongruous	<i>out of place; not in harmony or agreement</i>
521. immune	<i>exempt from or protected against something harmful</i> <i>S: Exculpate, Reprieve</i> <i>A: Condemn, Convict, Blame</i>	548. incredible	<i>seeming too unusual to be possible</i>
522. impair	<i>worsen; diminish in value</i>	549. inculcate	<i>fix firmly by repetition</i>
523. impassioned	<i>filled with passion or zeal</i>	550. indeterminate	<i>indefinite</i> <i>A: Definite, Clear</i>
524. impassive	<i>unmoved feeling; no sign of passion</i>	551. indignant	<i>feeling or expressing anger especially at unjust or mean action</i> <i>S: Anger, Wrath, Scorn</i> <i>A: Calm Cool, Patient</i>
525. impeach	<i>to accuse; to charge with a crime</i>	552. indiscreet	<i>to open in what one says or does</i> <i>S: Brash, Rash, Reckless</i> <i>A: Wise</i>
526. impede	<i>hinder; get in the way of</i>	553. indistinct	<i>not easily heard, seen</i>
527. impending	<i>imminent; being about to happen; expected</i>	554. indolence	<i>laziness</i>
528. imperative	<i>urgent; essential</i>	555. indomitable	<i>not easily discouraged or subdued</i>
529. impermeable	<i>that cannot be permeated</i>	556. induct	<i>to place formally in an office, a society, etc.</i> <i>S: Install, Initiate</i>
530. impertinent	<i>given to insolent rudeness</i>	557. indulge	<i>gratify; give way to; satisfy; allow oneself</i>
531. imperturbable	<i>calm; not capable of being excited</i>	558. indulgent	<i>inclined to indulge</i>
532. impervious	<i>not allowing to pass through (of materials)</i>	559. inebriated	<i>intoxicated</i> <i>S: Drunk, Tipsy</i> <i>A: Sober, Teetotal</i>
533. implacable	<i>incapable of being placated; unpleasable</i>	560. inept	<i>unskillful; said or done at the wrong time</i>
534. implicit	<i>implied though not plainly expressed</i>	561. ineptitude	<i>quality of being unskillful</i>
535. improvise	<i>to compose and perform without preparation</i> <i>S: Extemporise, Invent, Compose</i>	562. infirm	<i>Weak from age</i> <i>S: Weak, Languid, Feeble</i> <i>A: Strong, Powerful, Tough</i>
536. impudent	<i>rash; indiscreet</i>	563. inflammatory	<i>rousing excitement, anger, etc.</i> <i>S: Incendiary, Infuriating</i> <i>A: Reconciling, Mitigating</i>
537. inane	<i>silly; senseless</i>	564. inflict	<i>to cause (wounds, pain etc.) suffering</i>
538. inasmuch	<i>since; because</i>	565. infringe	<i>To break (a law or pact)</i> <i>S: Transgress, Violate, Trespass</i>
539. incandescent	<i>white, glowing or luminous with intense heat</i>	566. infuriate	<i>fill with fury or rage</i>
540. incarcerate	<i>to put in prison; to confine</i>		
541. incense	<i>make angry</i>		
542. inception	<i>Act of beginning, Start</i> <i>S: inauguration, Beginning, Origin</i> <i>A: Termination, End, Finish</i>		
543. incessant	<i>often repeated; continual</i>		

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567. infuse	<i>put; pour; fill</i>
568. ingenious	<i>clever; resourceful</i> <i>S: Skillful, Inventive</i> <i>A: Unskilled, Awkward, Dull</i>
569. ingest	<i>take in by swallowing</i>
570. ingress	<i>the act of entering; entrance</i>
571. inhibition	<i>restraint, reserve</i> <i>S: Repression, Ban, Opposition</i> <i>A: Approval, Permission, Accordance</i>
572. inimitable	<i>defying imitation; unmatched</i>
573. insane	<i>mentally ill or deranged, Not sane</i> <i>S: Mad, Delirious, Frenzied</i> <i>A: Sound, Sane, Normal</i>
574. insensible	<i>unconscious; unresponsive; unaffected</i>
575. insignia	<i>distinguishing marks as emblems of rank</i> <i>S: Sign</i>
576. insipid	<i>without taste or flavor</i>
577. insolent	<i>boldly disrespectful, rude</i> <i>S: Impudent, Impertinent, Offensive</i>
578. insolvent	<i>unable to pay debts; impoverished</i>
579. interim	<i>as an installment, provisional</i>
580. intimate	<i>to announce; to suggest or hint, close to (as in relations)</i>
581. intractable	<i>not easily managed or controlled; unruly</i>
582. inundate	<i>flood; cover by overflowing</i>
583. irate	<i>angry</i>
584. ire	<i>anger</i>
585. irksome	<i>tiresome</i>
586. irresolute	<i>hesitating; undecided</i>

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587. jab	<i>sneer, taunt, belittle</i>
588. jabber	<i>To talk quickly and incoherently</i>
589. jabber	<i>talk excitedly; utter rapidly</i>
590. jacuzzi	<i>a special type of bath mechanism where water is agitated to give extra invigoration</i>
591. jaded	<i>bored, satiated, dulled</i>

592. jagged	<i>S: inferior, wearied, listless, exhausted</i>
593. jeer	<i>A: refreshed, strengthened</i> <i>uneven, rough edged, notched</i> <i>to make fun of, deride; scoff; mock</i>
594. jerk	<i>a spasmodic muscle movement;</i>
595. jester	<i>clown; buffoon</i>
596. jibe	<i>gibe; make fun of</i>
597. jittery	<i>jumpy; nervous; shaky; anxious</i>
598. jockey	<i>to manoeuvre, to position of advantage; horse rider</i>
599. jocular	<i>meant as a joke</i>
600. jolt	<i>to shake with a sudden jerk; startle</i>
601. jostle	<i>to hustle; to elbow</i>
602. jovial	<i>joyous; full of geniality</i>
603. jubilant	<i>shouting with joy; rejoicing</i>
604. jubilation	<i>celebration; elation; euphoria; exultation</i>
605. judicious	<i>sound in judgment; wise</i>
606. junk	<i>rubbish; garbage; trivia; trash</i>
607. junta	<i>a group of men united for some secret intrigue</i>
608. jurisdiction	<i>legal authority; extent of power</i>
609. juvenile	<i>young; childish; youthful; immature</i>

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610. keen	<i>intense, sharp, vivid, acute</i>
611. keep-sake	<i>gift, usually small and often not very costly, that is kept in memory of the giver</i>
612. kennel	<i>house for dogs, a pack of hounds</i>
613. keynote	<i>(i) The basic idea or Ruling principle</i> <i>S: Theme, Nub (ii) Musical Note</i>
614. killjoy	<i>One who destroys or lessens other people's enjoyment</i>
615. kiln	<i>a furnace or oven for drying, burning or baking bricks, pottery, etc.</i>
616. kimono	<i>a traditional dress of Japan</i>
617. kin	<i>relative, family related as by blood</i>

618. **kindergarten** *school for infants*
 619. **kindle** *to set fire to*
S: light, inflame, ignite
A: extinguish, discourage, snuff-out
 620. **kingpin** *chief, don, boss*
 621. **kiosk** *a small stall for the sale of newspapers, etc.*
 622. **kit** *apparatus, gear, outfit*
 623. **kith** *kith and kin; friends and relations*
 624. **kitty** *pool of money to be played for*
 625. **knack** *dexterity, talent, proficiency, ability*
 626. **knit** *draw together; unite firmly*
 627. **kudos** *credit for achievement, glory, fame*

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628. **lacklustre** *(of eyes) dull*
 629. **lag** *(i) To fall behind, Not keep pace, Move slowly (ii) Imprison, Arrest (iii) A piece of non-conductive cover of a boiler to prevent heat transfer*
 630. **lament** *show, feel great sorrow*
 631. **languish** *To become weak, Droop, Be unhappy*
 632. **languid** *without vigour or vitality*
S: Pensive, Drooping, Lethargic
A: Brisk, Lively, Vivacious
 633. **languor** *Lack of vigour or vitality*
 634. **latent** *present but not visible or active; the latent force of an atomic bomb*
S: dormant, potential
 635. **lavish** *giving or producing freely, liberally or generously*
 636. **legacy** *something handed down from ancestors*
 637. **lethal** *causing death*
S: Deadly, Fatal
A: Harmless
 638. **lewd** *pertaining to lust, indecent*
S: Obscene, Lustful, Licentious
A: Pure, Chaste

639. **liberality** *free giving; generosity*
 640. **limp** *lacking strength; walking unevenly*
 641. **limpid** *transparent; absolutely serene and untroubled*
 642. **lingo** *a dialect, jargon etc., that one is not familiar with*
 643. **listless** *characterised by lack of interest, energy or spirit*
 644. **lithe** *bending, twisting*
 645. **litigate** *to contest in a lawsuit*
 646. **livid** *(i) Discoloured by a bruise, Black and blue (ii) Furiously angry*
S: Discoloured, Angry
 647. **loathe** *To feel intense dislike or disgust for*
S: Detest, Abhor, Abominate
 648. **loll** *rest; to sit or stand in a lazy way; hang (dog's tongue)*
 649. **lucid** *clear; readily understood*
S: Clear, Intelligible
A: incomprehensible, irrational, Illegible
 650. **lull** *become quiet or less active*
 651. **lumber** *move in a clumsy, noisy way*
 652. **luminary** *star; light-giving body*
 653. **lurk** *be out of view, ready to attack*
 654. **lustrous** *being bright, polished*

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655. **machination** *plot; scheme (esp. evil)*
 656. **maestro** *a master in an art, especially a great conductor or composer of music*
 657. **magnanimous** *generous*
A: Selfish, Mean, Miserly
 658. **magnate** *important person in any field*
 659. **malady** *disease, Illness*
S: Illness, Disorder, Ailment
 660. **malice** *active ill will, desire to harm another*
S: Spite, Grudge, Hatred
A: Benevolence, Goodwill
 661. **malign** *injurious; speak ill of somebody; tell lie*

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662. malinger	<i>to fake illness or injury in order to shirk a duty</i>	691. multifarious	<i>varied; motley; greatly diversified</i>
663. malleable	<i>yielding easily; can be moulded; adapting</i>	692. mundane	<i>worldly as opposed to spiritual; commonplace; everyday</i>
664. malodorous	<i>producing a bad odour, stinking</i> <i>S: foul, Noxious</i> <i>A: fragrant</i>	693. myriad	<i>very great number</i>
665. mandatory	<i>authoritatively commanded</i> <i>S: Compulsory</i>	694. nadir	<i>lowest, weakest point</i>
666. massacre	<i>cruel killing of a large number of people</i>	695. nag	<i>to find fault with</i>
667. matriculation	<i>be admitted, enter a university as a student</i>	696. naive	<i>Unaffectedly simple</i> <i>S: Artless, Innocent, Unsophisticated,</i> <i>A: Cunning, Shrewd, Sly</i>
668. maul	<i>hurt by rough handling</i>	697. narcotic	<i>a drug such as morphine, used to relieve pain and induce sleep</i> <i>S: Dope, Opiate, Drug</i> <i>A: Stimulant</i>
669. mediocre	<i>ordinary, Average</i>	698. nascent	<i>coming into existence; emerging</i>
670. melancholy	<i>very sad and depressed state</i> <i>S: Dispirited, Sorrowful</i> <i>A: Happy, Merry</i>	699. natal	<i>of or relating to one's birth</i> <i>A: Mortal</i>
671. mendacity	<i>dishonesty</i>	700. nautical	<i>of sailors, ships or navigation</i>
672. mendicant	<i>a beggar</i>	701. negligent	<i>taking too little care</i>
673. mercurial	<i>quick, changeable in character; fleeting</i>	702. nerve	<i>bold or brash; nervous</i>
674. mesmerise	<i>hypnotise</i>	703. neurotic	<i>having neurosis (a functional derangement caused by disorder of the nervous system)</i> <i>A: Sane, Poised, Rational</i>
675. metamorphosis	<i>transformation</i> <i>S: Conversion, Change</i>	704. nexus	<i>a connection, tie or link</i>
676. meticulous	<i>giving great attention to details</i>	705. nibble	<i>take little bites</i>
677. mettle	<i>quality of endurance or courage</i>	706. nocturnal	<i>of or in the night</i>
678. mettlesome	<i>courageous; high-spirited</i>	707. nomenclature	<i>the system of naming used in a science, etc.</i> <i>S: Terminology</i>
679. mince	<i>pronounce or speak affectedly; euphemise; pound to a pulp</i>	708. nonentity	<i>a person or thing of little or no importance</i>
680. mischievous	<i>harmful; causing mischief</i>	709. notorious	<i>widely known especially unfavourably</i> <i>S: ill-famed, Infamous, Dishonourable</i> <i>A: Good, Virtuous, Honest</i>
681. miscreant	<i>heretical; villainous</i>	710. noxious	<i>harmful</i>
682. miser	<i>person who loves wealth and spends little; frugal</i>	711. nuptial	<i>of marriage or wedding</i>
683. missive	<i>letter</i>		
684. moderation	<i>quality of being limited; not extreme</i>		
685. mollify	<i>make calmer or quieter</i>		
686. molt	<i>moult; lose hair, feathers before new growing</i>		
687. morbid	<i>diseased; unhealthy (e.g., about ideas)</i>		
688. mordant	<i>biting and caustic; incisive</i>		
689. morose	<i>ill-tempered, unsocial</i>		
690. muffler	<i>cloth worn round the neck; silencer</i>		
		712. obese	<i>corpulent, fat</i>
		713. oblivious	<i>unaware; having no memory</i>

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lowest, weakest point
to find fault with
Unaffectedly simple
S: Artless, Innocent, Unsophisticated,
A: Cunning, Shrewd, Sly
a drug such as morphine, used to relieve pain and induce sleep
S: Dope, Opiate, Drug
A: Stimulant
coming into existence; emerging
of or relating to one's birth
A: Mortal
of sailors, ships or navigation
taking too little care
bold or brash; nervous
having neurosis (a functional derangement caused by disorder of the nervous system)
A: Sane, Poised, Rational
a connection, tie or link
take little bites
of or in the night
the system of naming used in a science, etc.
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| 714. obnoxious | <i>odiously or disgustingly objectionable</i> | 738. paradigm | <i>a model; example or pattern</i> |
| 715. obstinate | <i>determined to have one's own way, Stubborn</i>
<i>S: Head-Strong</i>
<i>A: Obliging, Yielding, Flexible</i> | 739. paraphrase | <i>express meaning in different words</i> |
| 716. obtain | <i>to be established; accepted or customary</i> | 740. parasol | <i>umbrella used as a sunshade, especially by women</i> |
| 717. obtrusive | <i>projecting; prominent; undesirably noticeable</i> | 741. pariah | <i>an outcast; a rejected and despised person</i> |
| 718. obtuse | <i>blunt; stupid</i> | 742. partisan | <i>one-sided; committed to a party; biased or prejudiced</i> |
| 719. occluded | <i>blocked up</i> | 743. pathos | <i>emotion of sympathetic pity</i> |
| 720. octogenarian | <i>a person between the ages of eighty and ninety</i> | 744. patron | <i>regular customer; person who gives support</i> |
| 721. odious | <i>repulsive; hateful</i> | 745. paucity | <i>scarcity; a lacking of</i> |
| 722. odium | <i>contempt; dislike; aversion</i> | 746. pedestrian | <i>commonplace; trite; unremarkable, person who walks</i> |
| 723. odor | <i>smell; favor; reputation</i> | 747. peevish | <i>bad-tempered; irritable</i> |
| 724. offal | <i>waste or by-product of a process; rubbish</i> | 748. penchant | <i>strong inclination; a liking</i> |
| 725. ogle | <i>to keep looking at flirtatiously</i> | 749. penitent | <i>feeling or showing regret</i> |
| 726. ominous | <i>threatening</i> | 750. penurious | <i>poor; stingy</i> |
| 727. onus | <i>a burden, unpleasant duty etc.</i> | 751. penury | <i>extreme poverty</i> |
| 728. opaqueness | <i>dullness; not allowing light to pass through</i> | 752. perilous | <i>dangerous</i> |
| 729. opinionated | <i>holding obstinately to one's opinions</i>
<i>S: Obstinate, Dogmatic</i>
<i>A: Open-minded</i> | 753. perish | <i>be destroyed; decay</i> |
| 730. opportune | <i>suitable, said of time</i>
<i>S: Appropriate</i>
<i>A: Untimely, Unsuitable, Inappropriate</i> | 754. perky | <i>cheerful and lively</i> |
| 731. opulent | <i>Having much wealth. rich</i>
<i>S: Affluence, Wealth</i>
<i>A: Poverty, Penury, Frugality</i> | 755. permeate | <i>spread into every part of</i> |
| 732. outlandish | <i>very odd or strange</i>
<i>S: Strange, Odd, Peculiar</i>
<i>A: Normal, Well mannered</i> | 756. pernicious | <i>harmful; injurious</i> |
| 733. overhaul | <i>examine thoroughly; to learn about the condition</i> | 757. perpetrate | <i>be guilty; commit (a crime)</i> |
| | | 758. perquisite | <i>gratuities or tip</i> |
| | | 759. personable | <i>pleasing in appearance; attractive</i> |
| | | 760. pertain | <i>belong as a part; have reference</i> |
| | | 761. pervade | <i>diffuse</i> |
| | | 762. pest | <i>destructive thing or a person who is a nuisance</i> |
| | | 763. petrified | <i>power (to think, feel, act) taken away, scared</i> |
| | | 764. petrify | <i>to make hard, rocklike; frighten</i> |
| | | 765. phoney | <i>not genuine</i> |
| | | 766. piety | <i>the quality of being religious</i> |
| | | 767. pinch | <i>be too tight; take between the thumb and finger</i> |
| | | 768. pine | <i>waste away through sorrow or illness</i> |
| | | 769. pious | <i>dutiful to parents; devoted to religion</i> |
| | | 770. pitfall | <i>covered hole as a trap; unsuspected danger</i> |
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| 734. palate | <i>roof of the mouth; sense of taste</i> |
| 735. palatial | <i>magnificent</i> |
| 736. palliate | <i>lessen the severity of</i> |
| 737. palpability | <i>can be felt, touched, understood</i> |

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771. pith	<i>essential part; soft liquid substance; inner core of stems in plants.</i>	802. profuse	<i>abundant; lavish</i>
772. pivotal	<i>of great importance (others depend on it)</i>	803. progeny/ progenitor	<i>descendants; children</i>
773. placate	<i>soothe; pacify; calm</i>	804. prone	<i>prostrate; inclined to (undesirable things)</i>
774. placid	<i>serenely free of interruption or disturbance</i>	805. propagation	<i>increasing the number; spreading; extending</i>
775. plaintive	<i>mournful melancholy; sorrowful</i>	806. provident	<i>frugal; looking to the future</i>
776. plaque	<i>flat metal on a wall as a memorial</i>	807. provisional	<i>of the present time only</i>
777. plea	<i>request</i>	808. provoke	<i>make angry</i>
778. plead	<i>address a court of law as an advocate</i>	809. prudence	<i>careful; forethought</i>
779. plethora	<i>excess</i>	810. prudish	<i>easily shocked; excessively modest</i>
780. pliant	<i>pliable; easily bent, shaped or twisted</i>	811. prune	<i>dried plum; silly person, shorten</i>
781. plod	<i>continue doing something without resting</i>	812. pry	<i>inquire too curiously</i>
782. pluck	<i>pull the feathers off; pick (e.g., flowers)</i>	813. pseudonym	<i>a false name</i>
783. plunge	<i>move quickly, suddenly and with force</i>	814. pummel	<i>to pound or beat</i>
784. poncho	<i>large piece of cloth</i>	815. pungency	<i>sharpness; stinging quality</i>
785. portent	<i>omen; marvellous; threatening</i>	816. pungent	<i>marked by a sharp incisive quality; caustic</i>
786. postulate	<i>to claim; to assume as true, existent or necessary</i>	817. punitive	<i>inflicting, involving or aiming at punishment</i>
787. prattle	<i>chatter; to utter or make meaningless sounds</i>	818. pyre	<i>large pile of wood for burning</i>
788. precarious	<i>uncertain; risky; dangerous</i>	<div style="text-align: center; font-size: 2em; font-weight: bold; margin-bottom: 10px;">Q</div> <div> 819. quack <i>person dishonestly claiming</i> 820. quaff <i>drink deeply</i> 821. qualm <i>feeling of doubt; temporary feeling of sickness</i> 822. quash <i>to annul, cancel, smother</i> 823. queer <i>odd, strange, bizarre, erratic</i> 824. quell <i>suppress; subdue</i> 825. quench <i>satisfy, satiate, allay</i> 826. quilt <i>banquet cover, warmer</i> 827. quip <i>A witty or sarcastic remark</i> <i>S: Sally, Retort, Jest</i> 828. quirk <i>habit or action peculiar to somebody or something</i> 829. quorum <i>minimum number of people who have to be present to make the vote valid</i> </div>	
789. precipitous	<i>steep</i>		
790. précis	<i>concise summary</i>		
791. precursory	<i>preliminary; anticipating</i>		
792. predominate	<i>have more power than others</i>		
793. preen	<i>tidy; show self-satisfaction</i>		
794. premature	<i>doing or happening of something before the right time</i>		
795. preponderance	<i>greatness in number, strength, weight</i>		
796. prevalent	<i>common</i>		
797. prim	<i>neat; formal</i>		
798. pristine	<i>primitive; unspoiled; pure as in earlier times</i>		
799. procrastination	<i>to keep putting off</i>		
800. prodigal	<i>wasteful; reckless with money</i>		
801. prodigy	<i>a person with a special talent</i>	830. rabble	<i>mob; crowd; the lower classes of populace</i>

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831. racket	<i>a noisy confusion</i> <i>S: Noise, Clamour, Commotion</i> <i>A: Peace, Quietude, Harmony</i>	853. refine	<i>make or become pure, cultured</i>
832. racy	<i>full of zest or vigor; piquant</i>	854. regale	<i>to delight or entertain; to feast</i>
833. rake	<i>dissolute person; libertine,</i> <i>sweep, an instrument to gather</i> <i>leaves, etc.</i>	855. rehabilitate	<i>to put back to useful life</i> <i>S: Restore, Cure</i> <i>A: Ruin, Destroy</i>
834. rally	(i) <i>To come together to support</i> (ii) <i>Give new strength</i> (iii) <i>Gathering or assembly</i> (iv) <i>A contest of motor vehicle endurance</i>	856. rejoinder	<i>An answer especially to a reply,</i> <i>S: Answer, Retort, Reply</i>
835. ramble	<i>to move aimlessly from place to place</i>	857. rejuvenation	<i>becoming young in nature or appearance</i>
836. rampant	<i>widespread, raging</i>	858. relapse	<i>fall back again</i>
837. rancid	<i>having the bad smell or taste of stale fats or oils, Spoiled</i> <i>S: Stinking, Offensive, Decaying</i> <i>A: Sweet, Fresh, Fragrant</i>	859. reluctant	<i>unwilling, disinclined</i> <i>S: Unenthusiastic, Opposed</i> <i>A: Willing, Eager, Ready</i>
838. ransack	<i>to plunder, Pillage</i> <i>S: Rummage</i> <i>A: Restore, Compensate, Redress</i>	860. render	<i>deliver; provide; represent</i>
839. rant	<i>use extravagant language</i>	861. renovate	<i>restore something to better condition</i>
840. rapport	<i>sympathetic relationship, Harmony</i> <i>S: Accord</i> <i>A: Hatred, Enmity, Animosity</i>	862. renowned	<i>celebrated; famous</i>
841. rarefy	<i>to make thin, less dense; to purify or refine</i>	863. repast	<i>meal</i>
842. ratify	<i>to approve and sanction formally</i>	864. repel	<i>refuse to accept; cause dislike</i>
843. rave	<i>act with excessive enthusiasm</i>	865. reproach	<i>scold; upbraid</i>
844. reactionary	<i>opposing progress</i>	866. repulsive	<i>causing a feeling of disgust</i>
845. rebuff	<i>snub</i>	867. resigned	<i>unresisting; submissive</i>
846. recast	<i>cast or fashion anew</i>	868. resort	<i>to frequently visit</i>
847. reciprocity	<i>granting of privileges in return for similar</i>	869. retard	<i>check; hinder</i>
848. recitals	<i>a number or performance of music</i>	870. revere	<i>have deep respect for</i>
849. recluse	<i>person who lives alone and avoids people</i>	871. reverent	<i>feeling or showing deep respect</i>
850. reconcile	<i>settle a quarrel; restore peace</i>	872. riddle	<i>puzzling person or thing</i>
851. recourse	<i>turning to someone or something for help</i>	873. rift	<i>split; crack; dissension</i>
852. redeem	<i>get back by payment; compensate</i>	874. roll	<i>call; calling of names</i>
		875. ruffian	<i>violent, cruel man</i>
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		876. sadism	<i>Seeking pleasure from hurting others</i>
		877. salient	<i>Conspicuous, Prominent</i> <i>S: Outstanding</i> <i>A: Hidden</i>
		878. sallow	<i>of a grayish greenish yellow color</i>
		879. salutary	<i>remedial; causing improvement</i>
		880. sanction	<i>approval (by authority); penalty</i>
		881. sanctuary	<i>a holy place or a place of refuge or protection</i>
		882. sanity	<i>health of mind; soundness of judgement</i>

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883. sardonic	<i>disdainfully or skeptically humorous; sarcastic</i>	910. shrewd	<i>astute; showing sound judgement</i>
884. sash	<i>long strip worn round the waist</i>	911. shrill	<i>sharp; piercing</i>
885. satiate	<i>satisfy fully</i>	912. shun	<i>keep away from; avoid</i>
886. saucy	<i>rude, impudent</i> <i>S: Insolent</i> <i>A: Modest, Humble</i>	913. shunt	<i>send from one track to another; lay aside</i>
887. savor	<i>taste, flavor something</i>	914. sidestep	<i>step to one side, dodge</i>
888. sawdust	<i>tiny bits of wood</i>	915. silt	<i>a fine-grained sandy sediment carried or deposited by water</i>
889. scent	<i>smell (esp. pleasant)</i>	916. skeptic	<i>one who habitually questions matters generally accepted</i>
890. scorch	<i>become discolored; dry up; go at high speed; to burn</i>	917. sketchy	<i>Rough or rapid</i>
891. scribble	<i>write hastily</i>	918. skit	<i>short piece of humorous writing</i>
892. scurvy	<i>disease due to deficiency of vitamic C</i>	919. slack	<i>sluggish; dull; not tight</i>
893. secede/ secession	<i>to withdraw from an organisation</i>	920. slate	<i>kind of blue-grey stone; propose; criticize</i>
894. secular	<i>material (not spiritual); living outside monasteries; worldly</i>	921. slither	<i>to sleep, slide or glide along</i>
895. sedate	<i>sober, serious and unemotional; calm and composed</i> <i>S: Serene</i> <i>A: Mercurial, Frivolous</i>	922. sluggard	<i>lazy, slow-moving person</i>
896. sedentary	<i>marked by much sitting</i> <i>A: Peripatetic</i>	923. slur	<i>join sounds, words (indistinct)</i>
897. sediment	<i>matter that settles to the bottom of liquid</i>	924. smirk	<i>to smile in a conceited and complacent way</i>
898. seduce	<i>to tempt into wrong-doing</i> <i>S: Allure, Inveigle, Entice</i> <i>A: Protect, Guide, Discourage</i>	925. smoulder	<i>burn slowly without flame</i>
899. self-contained	<i>complete within itself</i>	926. smug	<i>annoyingly self-satisfied or complacent,</i> <i>S: Self-satisfied</i>
900. semblance	<i>outward appearance</i> <i>S: Likeness, Form</i>	927. snare	<i>trap</i>
901. sequence	<i>succession; connected line of</i>	928. snide	<i>slyly malicious or derisive</i> <i>S: Sneer, Slyness</i> <i>A: Praising, Eulogising</i>
902. sermon	<i>reproving a person for his faults</i>	929. snub	<i>treat with contempt</i>
903. serrated	<i>having a toothed edge</i>	930. soar	<i>rise; fly high</i>
904. servile	<i>like a slave; lacking independence</i>	931. sober	<i>self-controlled</i>
905. sever	<i>break off</i>	932. sobriety	<i>quality or condition of being sober</i>
906. severance	<i>severing</i>	933. soggy	<i>heavy with water</i>
907. shallow	<i>little depth; not earnest</i>	934. solitude	<i>being solitary or alone, seclusion</i> <i>S: Loneliness</i> <i>A: Society</i>
908. shambles	<i>a scene of great destruction or disorder</i> <i>S: Mess, Muddle</i> <i>A: Order</i>	935. solvent	<i>of the power of forming a solution</i>
909. sheath	<i>cover for the blade of a weapon or a tool</i>	936. somatic	<i>of the body, physical</i>
		937. soot	<i>black powder in smoke</i>
		938. sophisticated	<i>complex; subtle; refined</i>
		939. spartan	<i>hardy, warlike, disciplined</i>
		940. spleen	<i>feelings of anger or ill will; often suppressed</i>

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999. taunt	<i>contemptuous reproach; hurtful remark</i>		
1000. taut	<i>tightly stretched</i>	1026. tremor	<i>S: Unpleasant, Agonising A: Titillating trembling</i>
1001. tawdry	<i>cheap; gaudy; showy; tacky</i>		<i>S: Shaking, Fearful A: Brave</i>
1002. tawny	<i>brownish-yellow, tan</i>	1027. trickle	<i>flow in drops</i>
1003. tedious	<i>Long and dull S: Slow, Wearisome, Fatiguing A: Light, Hearty, Cheerful</i>	1028. trifling	<i>unimportant</i>
		1029. troupe	<i>a group especially of actors, singers etc.</i>
1004. teem	<i>to be prolific, abound, swarm</i>	1030. truant	<i>one who shirks his duties S: Vagrant, idler, Shirker</i>
1005. teetotal	<i>opposed to alcohol</i>	1031. trustworthy	<i>Worthy of trust, Reliable S: Dependable, Honest A: Vacillating, Undependable</i>
1006. temperate	<i>showing self-control</i>	1032. turbulence	<i>being uncontrolled; violent</i>
1007. tentative	<i>done as a test, not final A: Established, Certain</i>	1033. turgid	<i>excessively ornate; swollen or bloated</i>
1008. tepid	<i>lukewarm</i>	1034. turmoil	<i>state of extreme confusion, agitation or commotion</i>
1009. theatrical	<i>designed for effect, Show, Unnatural S: Dramatic</i>	1035. turmoil	<i>trouble; disturbance</i>
1010. therapeutic	<i>serving to cure or heal or to preserve health</i>	1036. turquoise	<i>greenish-blue precious stone</i>
1011. thesaurus	<i>a book of synonyms and antonyms</i>		
1012. thespian	<i>(i) Having to do with drama (ii) An actor</i>		
1013. thickset	<i>Thick in body, stocky</i>		
1014. threshold	<i>the beginning point S: Beginning, Start A: End</i>	1037. ulterior	<i>situated beyond</i>
		1038. ultimatum	<i>a final offer or demand as in negotiations</i>
1015. thrift	<i>care; economy; thriving; prosperous</i>	1039. uncanny	<i>mysterious, astonishing, strange, bizarre</i>
1016. thwart	<i>obstruct; frustrate</i>	1040. uncouth	<i>rough; awkward</i>
1017. timid	<i>shy; easily frightened</i>	1041. underbid	<i>make a lower bid than somebody else</i>
1018. titanic	<i>of great size, strength or power S: Gigantic, Immense A: Tiny, Small</i>	1042. undermine	<i>weaken gradually at the base</i>
		1043. undertone	<i>quiet voice, murmur, whisper</i>
1019. tonic	<i>something giving strength or energy</i>	1044. undo	<i>loosen, open, unfasten</i>
1020. topple	<i>be unsteady and overturn</i>	1045. unearth	<i>discover and bring to light</i>
1021. torment	<i>severe pain or suffering</i>	1046. unexceptionable	<i>not open to objection or criticism</i>
1022. tortuous	<i>devious; not straightforward</i>	1047. unexceptional	<i>dull, commonplace, typical, ordinary A: Exceptional</i>
1023. totalitarian	<i>designating or of a government in which one political group maintains complete control, especially under a dictator</i>	1048. unfeigned	<i>not pretended; sincere</i>
		1049. unilateral	<i>of occurring on, or affecting one side only</i>
1024. tout	<i>person who worries others to buy something, to use his service</i>	1050. unison	<i>agreement, Harmony S: Accord A: Discord, Enmity</i>
1025. traumatic	<i>an emotional shock having a lasting psychic effect</i>		

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1051. unprecedented	<i>never having happened, not known before</i>
1052. unrivalled	<i>With no equal, unmatched</i>
1053. unruffled	<i>Calm, not anxious</i>
1054. unruly	<i>wild, with no discipline, defiant, indomitable</i>
1055. unscathed	<i>unharmed; unhurt</i>
1056. unseemly	<i>inappropriate; indecorous</i>
1057. untoward	<i>unfortunate; inconvenient</i>
1058. upheaval	<i>A sudden, violent change</i>
1059. uphill	<i>(i) Up a slope (ii) Laborious, Tiring</i> <i>S: Arduous, Difficult</i> <i>A: Easy</i>
1060. uprising	<i>a revolt against the rulers,</i> <i>S: Insurrection</i> <i>A: Submission</i>
1061. uproar	<i>Violent</i> <i>S: Confusing, Chaos</i> <i>A: Peace, Calm, Tranquility</i>
1062. upsurge	<i>an increase, rise</i>
1063. urbane	<i>elegant; refined in manners</i>
1064. urchin	<i>a mischievous child</i>
1065. usurp	<i>to take possession by force</i>
1066. utopia	<i>an imaginary ideal place</i>

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1067. vacillation	<i>being uncertain; hesitating</i>
1068. vain	<i>without use, result; conceited</i>
1069. valiant	<i>brave</i>
1070. vamp	<i>Flirtatious woman, coquette, seductress, temptress</i>
1071. vandal	<i>person who destroys property for the pleasure of destruction</i>
1072. vanity	<i>pride, disdain, narcissism</i>
1073. varnish	<i>Adornment, decoration, polish, display</i>
1074. vat	<i>a large vessel</i>
1075. veer	<i>change direction</i>
1076. vendetta	<i>private quarrel between families</i>
1077. venom	<i>poison, toxin, bane, acrimony, ill will, malice</i>
1078. veracity	<i>truth</i>
1079. verdant	<i>fresh and green</i>
1080. verdict	<i>judgement, decision, ruling</i>

1081. verve	<i>spirit; vigor; enthusiasm</i>
1082. vestige	<i>trace or sign</i>
1083. veterinary	<i>Referring to treatment of sick animals</i>
1084. vex	<i>annoy; distress; trouble</i>
1085. vice	<i>evil, iniquity, sin, wickedness, depravity</i> <i>S: foible, dishonesty</i>
1086. vicious	<i>evil, wild, violent, fierce</i>
1087. vigilance	<i>watchfulness; self-appointed group that maintains order</i>
1088. vigilant	<i>member of a vigilance committee, alert, watchful</i>
1089. vigorous	<i>strong; energetic</i>
1090. vile	<i>extremely unpleasant, wicked, wretched</i>
1091. vilify	<i>slander; say evil things</i>
1092. vindicate	<i>to free from allegation or blame; to justify</i>
1093. vindictive	<i>having a desire to revenge</i>
1094. vintage	<i>old, ancient, antique, Collecting of grapes to make wine</i>
1095. virile	<i>manly, masculine, stalwart</i>
1096. visceral	<i>of the internal organs of the body</i>
1097. viscous	<i>sticky; semi-fluid</i>
1098. vitiate	<i>lower the quality; weaken the strength</i>
1099. vivacious	<i>lively; high-spirited</i>
1100. volatile	<i>changeable; inconstant</i>
1101. volition	<i>power of choosing or determining</i>
1102. voluptuous	<i>full of pleasure to the senses</i>

W

1103. wag	<i>merry person</i>
1104. warmonger	<i>person who stirs up war</i>
1105. warrant	<i>authority; written order; guarantee</i>
1106. wean	<i>to turn away (from a habit)</i>
1107. whimsical	<i>full of odd and fanciful ideas</i>
1108. wince	<i>show bodily or mental pain</i>
1109. woo	<i>try to win</i>
1110. wrangle	<i>to dispute angrily or peevishly</i>
1111. writ	<i>written order</i>

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Y

1112. **Yarn**

tale, story, fibers for knitting

Z

1113. **zeal**

*intense enthusiasm, ardour,
fervour
S: Easements*

1114. **zenith**

*A: Apathy, Indifference
the highest point*

S: Pinnacle, Summit

A: Base, Nadir

1115. **zest**

(i) keen enjoyment (ii) stimulating quality

S: Gusto

A: Depression, Despondency