

1. BARRON'S SAT I HOW TO PREPARE FOR THE 3,500 Basic Word List in Hindi

Word List 1 *abase-adroit*

abase *v.* अपमानित करना lower; humiliate. Defeated, Queen Zenobia was forced to *abase* herself before the conquering Romans, who made her march in chains before the emperor in the procession celebrating his triumph. *abatement*, *n.*

abash *v.* शर्मिदा करना embarrass. He was not at all *abashed* by her open admiration.

abate *v.* रोक-थाम करना subside; decrease, lessen. Rather than leaving immediately, they waited for the storm to *abate*. *abatement*, *n.*

abbreviate *v.* संक्षिप्त करना shorten. Because we were running out of time, the lecturer had to *abbreviate* her speech.

abdicate *v.* त्यागना renounce; give up. When Edward VIII *abdicated* the British throne to marry the woman he loved, he surprised the entire world.

abduction *n.* अपहरण kidnapping. The movie *Ransom* describes the attempts to rescue a multimillionaire's son after the child's *abduction* by kidnappers. *abduct*, *v.*

aberrant *n.* धर्मपथ से हटनेवाला abnormal or deviant. Given the *aberrant* nature of the data, we doubted the validity of the entire experiment. also *n.*

abet *v.* उकसाना aid, usually in doing something wrong; encourage. She was unwilling to *abet* him in the swindle he had planned.

abeyance *n.* दुविधा suspended action. The deal was held in *abeyance* until her arrival.

abhor *v.* घृणा करना detest; hate. She *abhorred* all forms of bigotry. *abhorrence*, *n.*

abject *ADJ.* अधम wretched; lacking pride. On the streets of New York the homeless live in *abject* poverty, huddling in doorways to find shelter from the wind.

abjure *v.* त्यागना renounce upon oath. He *abjured* his allegiance to the king. *abjuration*, *n.*

ablution *n.* स्नान washing. His daily *ablutions* were accompanied by loud noises that he humorously labeled "Opera in the Bath."

abnegation *n.* अस्वीकार repudiation; self-sacrifice. No act of *abnegation* was more pronounced than his refusal of any rewards for his discovery.

abolish *v.* समाप्त करना cancel; put an end to. The president of the college refused to *abolish* the physical education requirement. *abolition*, *n.*

abominable *ADJ.* घिनौना detestable; extremely unpleasant; very bad. Mary liked John until she learned he was dating Susan; then she called him an *abominable* young man, with *abominable* taste in women.

aboriginal *ADJ., n.* आदिवासी being the first of its kind in a region; primitive; native. Her studies of the primitive art forms of the *aboriginal* Indians were widely reported in the scientific journals. *aborigines*, *n.*

abortive *ADJ.* निष्फल unsuccessful; fruitless. Attacked by armed troops, the Chinese students had to abandon their *abortive* attempt to democratize Beijing peacefully. *abort*, *v.*

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she put iodine on her *abrasions*.

abrasive *ADJ.* अपघर्षक rubbing away; tending to grind down. Just as *abrasive* cleaning powders can wear away a shiny finish, *abrasive* remarks can wear away a listener's patience. *abrade*, *v.*

abridge *v.* संक्षेप करना condense or shorten. Because the publishers felt the public wanted a shorter version of *War and Peace*, they proceeded to *abridge* the novel.

abrogate *ADJ.* अभिनिषेध करना abolish. He intended to *abrogate* the decree issued by his predecessor.

abscond *v.* फरार होना depart secretly and hide. The teller who *absconded* with the bonds went uncaptured until someone recognized him from his photograph on "America's Most Wanted."

absolute *ADJ.* पूर्ण complete; totally unlimited; certain. Although the King of Siam was an *absolute* monarch, he did not want to behead his unfaithful wife without absolute evidence of her infidelity.

absolve *v.* दोषमुक्त करना pardon (an offense). The father confessor *absolved* him of his sins. *absolution*, *n.*

absorb *v./* सोख लेना assimilate or incorporate; suck or drink up; wholly engage. During the nineteenth century, America *absorbed* hordes of immigrants, turning them into productive citizens. Can Huggies diapers *absorb* more liquid than Pampers can? This question does not *absorb* me; instead, it bores me. *absorption*, *n.*

abstain *v.* बचना refrain; hold oneself back voluntarily from an action or practice. After considering the effect of alcohol on his athletic performance, he decided to *abstain* from drinking while he trained for the race. *abstinence*, *n.*

abstemious *ADJ.* संयमी sparing in eating and drinking; temperate. Concerned whether her vegetarian son's *abstemious* diet provided him with sufficient protein, the worried mother pressed food on him.

abstinence *n.* परहेज़ restraint from eating or drinking. The doctor recommended total *abstinence* from salted foods. *abstain*, *v.*

abstract *ADJ.* सार theoretical; not concrete; nonrepresentational. To him, hunger was an *abstract* concept; he had never missed a meal.

abstruse *ADJ.* अव्यक्त obscure; profound; difficult to understand. She carries around *abstruse* works of philosophy, not because she understands them but because she wants her friends to think she does.

abundant *ADJ.* प्रचुर plentiful; possessing riches or resources. At his immigration interview, Ivan listed his *abundant* reasons for coming to America: the hope of religious freedom, the prospect of employment, the promise of a more *abundant* life.

abusive *ADJ.* अपमानजनक coarsely insulting; physically harmful. An *abusive* parent damages a child both mentally and physically.

abut *v.* सीमा पर एकत्रित होना border upon; adjoin. Where our estates *abut*, we must build a fence.

abysmal *ADJ.* मात्र bottomless. His arrogance is exceeded only by his *abysmal* ignorance.

abyss *n.* रसातल enormous chasm; vast bottomless pit. Darth Vader seized the evil emperor and hurled him down into the abyss,

academic *ADJ.* शैक्षिक related to a school; not practical or directly useful. The dean's talk about reforming the college admissions system was only an *academic* discussion: we knew little, if anything, would change.

accede *v.* मान लेना agree. If I *accede* to this demand for blackmail, I am afraid that I will be the victim of future demands.

accelerate *v.* में तेजी लाने के move faster. In our science class, we learn how falling bodies accelerate.

accentuate *v.* बढ़ emphasize; stress. If you *accentuate* the positive and eliminate the negative, you may wind up with an overoptimistic view of the world.

accessible *ADJ.* सुलभ easy to approach; obtainable. We asked our guide whether the ruins were *accessible* on foot.

accessory *n.* सहायक additional object; useful but not essential thing. She bought an attractive handbag as an accessory for her dress. also *ADJ.*

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acclaim *v.* प्रशंसा applaud; announce with great approval. The NBC sportscasters *acclaimed* every American victory in the Olympics and decried every American defeat. also *n.*

acclimate *v.* अभ्यास होना adjust to climate. One of the difficulties of our present air age is the need of travelers to *acclimate* themselves to their new and often strange environments.

acclivity *N.* चढ़ाना sharp upslope of a hill. The car would not go up the *acclivity* in high gear.

accolade *N.* सम्मान award of merit. In Hollywood, an "Oscar" is the highest *accolade*.

accommodate *V.* समायोजित oblige or help someone; adjust or bring into harmony; adapt. Mitch always did everything possible to accommodate his elderly relatives, from driving them to medical appointments to helping them with paperwork. (secondary meaning)

accomplice *N.* साथी partner in crime. Because he had provided the criminal with the lethal weapon, he was arrested as an accomplice in the murder.

accord *N.* समझौते agreement. She was in complete accord with the verdict.

accost *V.* संभाषण करना approach and speak first to a person. When the two young men accosted me, I was frightened because I thought they were going to attack me.

accoutre *V.* वर्दी से सजाना equip. The fisherman was accoutred with the best that the sporting goods store could supply.

accoutrements, *N.*

accretion *N.* एक साथ वृद्धि growth; increase. The *accretion* of wealth marked the family's rise in power.

accrue *V.* उपाजित होना come about by addition. You must pay the interest that has *accrued* on your debt as well as the principal sum. accrual, *N.*

acerbity *N.* तीखा स्वाद bitterness of speech and temper. The meeting of the United Nations General Assembly was marked with such *acerbity* that informed sources held out little hope of reaching any useful settlement of the problem. acerbic, *ADJ.*

acetic *ADJ.* खट्टा vinegary. The salad had an exceedingly acetic flavor.

acidulous *ADJ.* थोड़ा अम्ल slightly sour; sharp, caustic. James was unpopular because of his sarcastic and *acidulous* remarks.

acknowledge *V.* स्वीकार करते हैं recognize; admit. Although I *acknowledge* that the Beatles' tunes sound pretty dated today, I still prefer them to the "gangsta rap" songs my brothers play.

acme *N.* परिपूर्णता top; pinnacle. His success in this role marked the acme of his career as an actor.

acoustics *N.* ध्वनि-विज्ञान science of sound; quality that makes a room easy or hard to hear in. Carnegie Hall is liked by music lovers because of its fine acoustics.

acquiesce *V.* संतुष्ट होना assent; agree without protesting. Although she appeared to *acquiesce* to her employer's suggestions, I could tell she had reservations about the changes he wanted made. acquiescence, *N.*; acquiescent, *ADJ.*

acquire *V.* अधिग्रहण obtain; get. Frederick Douglass was determined to acquire an education despite his master's efforts to prevent his doing so.

acquittal *N.* दोषमुक्ति deliverance from a charge. His acquittal by the jury surprised those who had thought him guilty. acquit, *V.*

acrid *ADJ.* तीखा sharp; bitterly pungent. The acrid odor of burnt gunpowder filled the room after the pistol had been fired.

acrimonious *ADJ.* उग्र bitter in words or manner. The candidate attacked his opponent in highly acrimonious terms. acrimony,

acrophobia *N.* ताजी हवा से भय fear of heights. A born salesman, he could convince someone with a bad case of *acrophobia* to sign up for a life membership in a sky-diving club.

actuarial *ADJ.* बीमाकिक calculating; pertaining to insurance statistics. According to recent actuarial tables, life expectancy is greater today than it was a century ago.

actuate *V.* उकसाना motivate. I fail to understand what actuated you to reply to this letter so nastily.

acuity *N.* तीक्ष्णता sharpness. In time his youthful acuity of vision failed him, and he needed glasses.

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acumen *N.* कुशाग्रता mental keenness. His business *acumen* helped him to succeed where others had failed.

acute *ADJ.* तीव्र quickly perceptive; keen; brief and severe. The acute young doctor realized immediately that the gradual deterioration of her patient's once acute hearing was due to a chronic illness, not an acute one.

adage *N.* कहावत wise saying; proverb. There is much truth in the old adage about fools and their money.

adamant *ADJ.* अटल hard; inflexible. Bronson played the part of a revenge-driven man, adamant in his determination to punish the criminals who destroyed his family. *adamancy, N.*

adapt *V.* अनुकूल बनाना alter; modify. Some species of animals have become extinct because they could not adapt to a changing environment.

addendum *N.* परिशिष्ट an addition or supplement. As an addendum to the minutes, let me point out that Susan moved to appoint Kathy and Arthur to the finance committee.

addiction *N.* लत compulsive, habitual need. His addiction to drugs caused his friends much grief.

addle *V.* सड़ा muddle; drive crazy; become rotten. This idiotic plan is confusing enough to *addle* anyone. *addled, ADJ.*

address *V.* पता direct a speech to; deal with or discuss. Due to address the convention in July, Brown planned to address the issue of low-income housing in his speech.

adept *ADJ.* निपुण expert at. She was adept at the fine art of irritating people. also *N.*

adhere *V.* पालन करना stick fast. I will adhere to this opinion until proof that I am wrong is presented. *adhesion, N.*

adherent *N.* पक्षपाती supporter; follower. In the wake of the scandal, the senator's one-time *adherents* quickly deserted him.

adjacent *ADJ.* सटा हुआ adjoining; neighboring; close by. Philip's best friend Jason lived only four houses down the block, close but not immediately adjacent.

adjunct *N.* सहायक something added on or attached (generally nonessential or inferior). Although I don't absolutely need a second computer, I plan to buy a laptop to serve as an adjunct to my desktop model.

admonish *V.* धिक्कारना warn; reprove. He *admonished* his listeners to change their wicked ways. *admonition, N.*

admonition *N.* चेतावनी warning. After the student protesters repeatedly rejected Chairman Deng's *admonitions*, the government issued an ultimatum: either the students would end the demonstration at once or the soldiers would fire on the crowd.

adorn *V.* सजाना decorate. Wall paintings and carved statues *adorned* the temple. *adornment, N.*

adroit *ADJ.* निपुण skillful. His adroit handling of the delicate situation pleased his employers.

Word List 2 *adulation-amend*

adulation *N.* मनुहार flattery; admiration. The rock star thrived on the adulation of his groupies and yes men. *adulate, V.*

adulterate *V.* मिलावट करना make impure by adding inferior or tainted substances. It is a crime to adulterate foods without informing the buyer; when consumers learned that Beech-Nut had adulterated their apple juice by mixing it with water, they protested vigorously.

advent *N.* आगमन arrival. Most Americans were unaware of the *advent* of the Nuclear Age until the news of Hiroshima reached them.

adventitious *ADJ.* आकस्मिक accidental; casual. He found this adventitious meeting with his friend extremely fortunate.

adversary *N.* वैरी opponent. The young wrestler struggled to defeat his adversary.

adverse *ADJ.* विपरीत unfavorable; hostile. The recession had a highly *adverse* effect on Father's investment portfolio: he lost so much money that he could no longer afford the butler and the upstairs maid. *adversity, N.*

adversity *N.* विपत्ति poverty; misfortune. We must learn to meet adversity gracefully.

advocacy *N.* वकालत support; active pleading on something's behalf. No threats could dissuade Bishop 4 Barron's SAT I Basic Word List
Desmond Tutu from his advocacy of the human rights of black South Africans.

advocate *V.* वकील urge; plead for. The abolitionists advocated freedom for the slaves. also *N.*

aerie *N.* ऊँचा नीड़ nest of a large bird of prey (eagle, hawk). The mother eagle swooped down on the unwitting rabbit and bore it off to her *aerie* high in the Rocky Mountains.

aesthetic *ADJ.* सौंदर्य artistic; dealing with or capable of appreciation of the beautiful. The beauty of Tiffany's

stained glass appealed to Esther's *aesthetic* sense. aesthete, **N**.

affable **ADJ.** मिलनसार easily approachable; warmly friendly. Accustomed to cold, aloof supervisors, Nicholas was amazed at how *affable* his new employer was.

affected **ADJ.** लग जाना artificial; pretended; assumed in order to impress. His *affected* mannerisms-his "Harvard" accent, his air of boredom, his use of obscure foreign words-bugged us: he acted as if he thought he was too good for his old high school friends. affectation, **N**.

affidavit **N.** शपथ पत्र written statement made under oath. The court refused to accept his statement unless he presented it in the form of an affidavit.

affiliation **N** शपथ पत्र joining; associating with. His affiliation with the political party was of short duration for he soon disagreed with his colleagues.

affinity **N.** आत्मीयता kinship. She felt an affinity with all who suffered; their pains were her pains.

affirmation **N.** प्रतिज्ञान positive assertion; confirmation; solemn pledge by one who refuses to take an oath. Despite Tom's affirmations of innocence, Aunt Polly still suspected he had eaten the pie.

affix **V.** प्रत्यय fasten; attach; add on. First the registrar had to *affix* her signature to the license; then she had to *affix* her official seal.

affliction **N.** यातना state of distress; cause of suffering. Even in the midst of her *affliction*, Elizabeth tried to keep up the spirits of those around her.

affluence **N.** समृद्धि abundance; wealth. Foreigners are amazed by the affluence and luxury of the American way of life.

affront **N.** अपमान insult; offense; intentional act of disrespect. When Mrs. Proudie was not seated beside the Archdeacon at the head table, she took it as a personal *affront* and refused to speak to her hosts for a week. also **V**.

aftermath **N.** परिणाम consequences; outcome; upshot. People around the world wondered what the aftermath of China's violent suppression of the student protests would be.

agenda **N.** कार्यसूची items of business at a meeting. We had so much difficulty agreeing upon an *agenda* that there was very little time for the meeting.

agent **N.** एजेंट means or instrument; personal representative; person acting in an official capacity. "I will be the agent of America's destruction," proclaimed the beady-eyed villain, whose *agent* had gotten him the role. With his face, he could never have played the part of the hero, a heroic F.B.I. agent.

agglomeration **N.** ढेर collection; heap. It took weeks to assort the *agglomeration* of miscellaneous items she had collected on her trip.

aggrandize **V.** शक्ति अथवा प्रतिष्ठा में बढ़ाना increase or intensify. The history of the past quarter century illustrates how a President may *aggrandize* his power to act aggressively in international affairs without considering the wishes of Congress.

aggregate **V.** कुल gather; accumulate. Before the Wall Street scandals, dealers in so-called junk bonds managed to *aggregate* great wealth in short periods of time. aggregation, **N**.

aggressor **N.** आक्रामक attacker. Before you punish both boys for fighting, see whether you can determine which one was the aggressor.

aghast **ADJ.** भौचक्का horrified. He was aghast at the nerve of the speaker who had insulted his host.

agility **N.** चपलता nimbleness. The agility of the acrobat amazed and thrilled the audience.

agitate **V.** उत्तेजित करना stir up; disturb. Her fiery remarks *agitated* the already angry mob.

agnostic **N.** अज्ञेयवाद का one who is skeptical of the existence or knowability of a god or any ultimate reality. Agnostics say we can neither prove nor disprove the existence of god; we simply just can't know. also **ADJ**.
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agrarian **ADJ.** कृषि pertaining to land or its cultivation. The country is gradually losing its agrarian occupation and turning more and more to an industrial point of view.

alacrity **N.** तत्परता cheerful promptness. Phil and Dave were raring to get off to the mountains; they packed up their ski gear and climbed into the van with alacrity.

alchemy **N.** रस-विधा medieval chemistry. The changing of baser metals into gold was the goal of the students of *alchemy*. alchemist, **N**.

alcove **N.** घिरौची nook; small, recessed section of a room. Though their apartment lacked a full-scale dining room, an alcove adjacent to the living room made an adequate breakfast nook for the young

couple.

alias *N.* उपनाम an assumed name. John Smith's alias was Bob Jones. also *ADV.*

alienate *V.* हटाना make hostile; separate. Her attempts to *alienate* the two friends failed because they had complete faith in each other.

alimentary *ADJ.* पाचन supplying nourishment. The *alimentary* canal in our bodies is so named because digestion of foods occurs there. When asked for the name of the digestive tract, Sherlock Holmes replied, "*Alimentary*, my dear Watson."

alimony *N.* निर्वाह निधि payment by a husband to his divorced wife (or vice versa). Mrs. Jones was awarded \$200 monthly alimony by the court when she was divorced from her husband.

allay *V.* निराकरण करना calm; pacify. The crew tried to allay the fears of the passengers by announcing that the fire had been controlled.

allege *V.* आरोप है state without proof. Although it is *alleged* that she has worked for the enemy, she denies the *allegation* and, legally, we can take no action against her without proof. *allegation*, *N.*

allegiance *N.* निष्ठा loyalty. Not even a term in prison could shake Lech Walesa's *allegiance* to Solidarity, the Polish trade union he had helped to found.

allegory *N.* रूपक story in which characters are used as symbols; fable. Pilgrim's Progress is an allegory of the temptations and victories of man's soul. *allegorical*, *ADJ.*

alleviate *V.* कम relieve. This should alleviate the pain; if it does not, we shall have to use stronger drugs.

alliteration *N.* अनुप्रास repetition of beginning sound in poetry. "The furrow followed free" is an example of alliteration.

allocate *V.* आवंटित assign. Even though the Red Cross had *allocated* a large sum for the relief of the sufferers of the disaster, many people perished.

alloy *N.* मिश्र धातु a mixture as of metals. Alloys of gold are used more frequently than the pure metal.

alloy *V.* मिलाना mix; make less pure; lessen or moderate. Our delight at the Yankees' victory was *alloyed* by our concern for Dwight Gooden, who injured his pitching arm in the game.

allude *V.* संकेत करना refer indirectly. Try not to mention divorce in Jack's presence because he will think you are *alluding* to his marital problems with Jill.

allure *V.* फुसलाना entice; attract. Allured by the song of the sirens, the helmsman steered the ship toward the reef. also *N.*

allusion *N.* संकेत indirect reference. When Amanda said to the ticket scalper, "One hundred bucks? What do you want, a pound of flesh?," she was making an allusion to Shakespeare's *Merchant of Venice*.

aloft *ADV.* ऊपर upward. The sailor climbed aloft into the rigging. To get into a loft bed, you have to climb aloft.

aloof *ADJ.* अलग apart; reserved. Shy by nature, she remained aloof while all the rest conversed.

altercation *N.* तकरार noisy quarrel; heated dispute. In that hottempered household, no meal ever came to a peaceful conclusion; the inevitable altercation might even end in blows.

altruistic *ADJ.* परोपकारी unselfishly generous; concerned for others. In providing tutorial assistance and college scholarships for hundreds of economically disadvantaged youths, Eugene Lang performed a truly altruistic deed. *altruism*, *N.*

amalgamate *V.* मिलाना combine; unite in one body. The unions will attempt to amalgamate their groups into one national body.

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amass *V.* एकत्र करना collect. The miser's aim is to amass and hoard as much gold as possible.

ambidextrous *ADJ.* कपटी capable of using either hand with equal ease. A switch-hitter in baseball should be naturally *ambidextrous*.

ambience *N.* माहौल environment; atmosphere. She went to the restaurant not for the food but for the *ambience*.

ambiguous *ADJ.* अस्पष्ट unclear or doubtful in meaning. His ambiguous instructions misled us; we did not know which road to take. *ambiguity*, *N.*

ambivalence *N.* दुविधा the state of having contradictory or conflicting emotional attitudes. Torn between loving her parents one minute and hating them the next, she was confused by the ambivalence of her feelings. *ambivalent*, *ADJ.*

amble *N* टहलना moving at an easy pace. When she first mounted the horse, she was afraid to urge the animal to go faster than a gentle amble. also *v*.

ambulatory *ADJ* औषधालय able to walk; not bedridden. Juan was a highly ambulatory patient; not only did he refuse to be confined to bed, but he insisted on riding his skateboard up and down the halls.

ameliorate *v* सुधारना improve. Many social workers have attempted to ameliorate the conditions of people living in the slums.

amenable *ADJ* वश्य readily managed; willing to be led. He was *amenable* to any suggestions that came from those he looked up to; he resented advice from his inferiors.

amend *v* संशोधन correct; change, generally for the better. Hoping to *amend* his condition, he left Vietnam for the United States.

Word List 3 amenities-apostate

amenities *N* आराम convenient features; courtesies. In addition to the customary amenities for the business traveler-fax machines, modems, a health club-the hotel offers the services of a butler versed in the social amenities.

amiable *ADJ* सुशील agreeable; lovable; warmly friendly. In *Little Women*, Beth is the amiable daughter whose loving disposition endears her to all who know her.

amicable *ADJ* मैत्रीपूर्ण politely friendly; not quarrelsome. Beth's sister Jo is the hot-tempered tomboy who has a hard time maintaining amicable relations with those around her. Jo's quarrel with her friend Laurie finally reaches an amicable settlement, but not because Jo turns amiable overnight.

amiss *ADJ* अनुचित wrong; faulty. Seeing her frown, he wondered if anything were amiss. also *ADV*.

amity *N* /friendship. Student exchange programs such as the Experiment in International Living were established to promote international amity.

amnesia *N* भूलने की बीमारी loss of memory. Because she was suffering from amnesia, the police could not get the young girl to identify herself.

amnesty *N* आम माफी pardon. When his first child was born, the king granted amnesty to all in prison.

amoral *ADJ* /नैतिक/immoral. The amoral individual lacks a code of ethics; he cannot tell right from wrong. The immoral person can tell right from wrong; he chooses to do something he knows is wrong.

amorous *ADJ* रसिक moved by sexual love; loving. "Love them and leave them" was the motto of the amorous Don Juan.

amorphous *ADJ* अनाकार formless; lacking shape or definition. As soon as we have decided on our itinerary, we shall send you a copy; right now, our plans are still amorphous.

amphibian *ADJ* उभयचर able to live both on land and in water. Frogs are classified as *amphibian*. also *N*.

amphitheater *N* अखाड़ा oval building with tiers of seats. The spectators in the *amphitheater* cheered the gladiators.

ample *ADJ* प्रचुर abundant. Bond had ample opportunity to escape. Why did he let us catch him?

amplify *v* बढ़ाना broaden or clarify by expanding; intensify; make stronger. Charlie Brown tried to amplify his remarks, but he was drowned out by jeers from the audience. Lucy was smarter: she used a loudspeaker to amplify her voice.

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amputate *v* अंग-विच्छेद करना cut off part of body; prune. When the doctors had to amputate the young man's leg to prevent the spread of cancer, he did not let the loss of a limb keep him from participating in sports.

amulet *N* ताबीज़ charm; talisman. Around her neck she wore the amulet that the witch doctor had given her.

anachronistic *ADJ* कालभ्रमित having an error involving time in a story. The reference to clocks in Julius Caesar is *anachronistic*: clocks did not exist in Caesar's time. anachronism, *N*.

analgesic *ADJ* एनाल्जेसिक causing insensitivity to pain. The analgesic qualities of this lotion will provide temporary relief.

analogous *ADJ* अनुरूप comparable. She called our attention to the things that had been done in an analogous situation and recommended that we do the same.

analogy *N* समानता similarity; parallelism. A well-known *analogy* compares the body's immune system with an army whose defending troops are the lymphocytes or white blood cells.

anarchist *N* अराजकतावादी person who seeks to overturn the established government; advocate of abolishing authority. Denying she was an *anarchist*, Katya maintained she wished only to make changes in our government, not to destroy it entirely. anarchy, *N*.

anarchy *N.* अराजकता absence of governing body; state of disorder. The assassination of the leaders led to a period of *anarchy*.

anathema *N.* अभिशाप solemn curse; someone or something regarded as a curse. The Ayatolla Khomeini heaped *anathema* upon "the Great Satan," that is, the United States. To the Ayatolla, America and the West were *anathema*; he loathed the democratic nations, cursing them in his dying words. *anathematize*, *v.*

ancestry *N.* वंशावली family descent. David can trace his *ancestry* as far back as the seventeenth century, when one of his ancestors was a court trumpeter somewhere in Germany. *ancestral*, *ADJ.*

anchor *v.* लंगर (सहारा) secure or fasten firmly; be fixed in place. We set the post in concrete to *anchor* it in place.

anchorage, *N.*

ancillary *ADJ.* अधीनस्थ serving as an aid or accessory; auxiliary. In an *ancillary* capacity, Doctor Watson was helpful; however, Holmes could not trust the good doctor to solve a perplexing case on his own. also *N.*

anecdote *N.* उपाख्यान short account of an amusing or interesting event. Rather than make concrete proposals for welfare reform, President Reagan told *anecdotes* about poor people who became wealthy despite their impoverished backgrounds.

anemia *N.* रक्ताल्पता condition in which blood lacks red corpuscles. The doctor ascribes her tiredness to *anemia*. *anemic*, *ADJ.*

anesthetic *N.* चतनाशून्य करनेवाली औषधि substance that removes sensation with or without loss of consciousness. His monotonous voice acted like an *anesthetic*; his audience was soon asleep. *anesthesia*, *N.*

anguish *N.* पीड़ा acute pain; extreme suffering. Visiting the site of the explosion, the governor wept to see the *anguish* of the victims and their families.

angular *ADJ.* कोणीय sharp-cornered; stiff in manner. Mr. Spock's features, though *angular*, were curiously attractive, in a Vulcan way.

animated *ADJ.* / प्रसन्न lively; spirited. Jim Carrey's facial expressions are highly *animated*: when he played Ace Ventura, he looked practically rubber-faced.

animosity *N.* दुश्मनी active enmity. He incurred the *animosity* of the ruling class because he advocated limitations of their power.

animus *N.* विरोधपूर्ण भावना hostile feeling or intent. The *animus* of the speaker became obvious to all when he began to indulge in sarcastic and insulting remarks.

annals *N.* वर्षक्रमिक इतिहास records; history. In the *annals* of this period, we find no mention of democratic movements.

annex *v.* उपभवन attach; take possession of. Mexico objected to the United States' attempts to *annex* the territory that later became the state of Texas.

annihilate *v.* संहार करना destroy. The enemy in its revenge tried to *annihilate* the entire population.

annotate *v.* व्याख्या comment; make explanatory notes. In the appendix to the novel, the editor sought to *annotate* many of the author's more esoteric references.

annuity *N.* वार्षिकी yearly allowance. The *annuity* he setup with the insurance company supplements his

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social security benefits so that he can live very comfortably without working.

annul *v.* अन्त करना make void. The parents of the eloped couple tried to *annul* the marriage.

anoint *v.* तेल लगाना consecrate. The prophet Samuel *anointed* David with oil, crowning him king of Israel.

anomalous *ADJ.* नियमविरुद्ध abnormal; irregular. He was placed in the *anomalous* position of seeming to approve procedures which he despised.

***anomaly** *N.* विसंगति irregularity. A bird that cannot fly is an *anomaly*.

anonymity *N.* गुमनामी state of being nameless; anonymousness. The donor of the gift asked the college not to mention him by name; the dean readily agreed to respect his *anonymity*.

anonymous *ADJ.* अज्ञातकृत having no name. She tried to ascertain the identity of the writer of the *anonymous* letter.

antagonism *N.* विरोध hostility; active resistance. Barry showed his *antagonism* toward his new stepmother by ignoring her whenever she tried talking to him. *antagonistic*, *ADJ.*

antecede *v.* ऊपर precede. The invention of the radiotelegraph *antecedes* the development of television by a

quarter of a century.

antecedents *N* पिछला जीवन preceding events or circumstances that influence what comes later; ancestors or early background. Susi Bechhofer's ignorance of her Jewish background had its *antecedents* in the chaos of World War II. Smuggled out of Germany and adopted by a Christian family, she knew nothing of her birth and *antecedents* until she was reunited with her family in 1989.

antediluvian *ADJ* पिछला जीवन antiquated; extremely ancient. Looking at his great-aunt's antique furniture, which must have been cluttering up her attic since the time of Noah's flood, the young heir exclaimed, "Heavens! How positively *antediluvian*!"

anthem *N* गान song of praise or patriotism. Let us now all join in singing the national *anthem*.

anthology *N* संकलन book of literary selections by various authors. This *anthology* of science fiction was compiled by the late Isaac Asimov. *anthologize*, *v*.

anthropocentric *ADJ* नरकेन्द्रित regarding human beings as the center of the universe. Without considering any evidence that might challenge his *anthropocentric* viewpoint, Hector categorically maintained that dolphins could not be as intelligent as men. *anthropocentrism*, *N*.

anthropoid *ADJ* मानवाकार manlike. The gorilla is the strongest of the *anthropoid* animals. also *N*.

anthropologist *N* मानव विज्ञानी a student of the history and science of mankind. *Anthropologists* have discovered several relics of prehistoric man in this area.

anthropomorphic *ADJ* मानवरूपी having human form or characteristics. Primitive religions often have deities with *anthropomorphic* characteristics. *anthropomorphism*, *N*.

anticlimax *N* अवनति letdown in thought or emotion. After the fine performance in the first act, the rest of the play was an anticlimax. *anticlimactic*, *ADJ*.

antidote *N* विषहर औषध medicine to counteract a poison or disease. When Marge's child accidentally swallowed some cleaning fluid, the local poison control hotline instructed Marge how to administer the *antidote*.

antipathy *N* घृणा aversion; dislike. Tom's extreme *antipathy* for disputes keeps him from getting into arguments with his temperamental wife. Noise in any form is *antipathetic* to him. Among his other *antipathies* are honking cars, boom boxes, and heavy metal rock.

antiquated *ADJ* प्राचीन old-fashioned; obsolete. Philip had grown so accustomed to editing his papers on word processors that he thought typewriters were too *antiquated* for him to use.

antiseptic *N* सड़न रोकनेवाली दवा substance that prevents infection. It is advisable to apply an antiseptic to any wound, no matter how slight or insignificant. also *ADJ*.

antithesis *N* विलोम contrast; direct opposite of or to. This tyranny was the *antithesis* of all that he had hoped for, and he fought it with all his strength.

apathy *N* उदासीनता lack of caring; indifference. A firm believer in democratic government, she could not understand the apathy of people who never bothered to vote. *apathetic*, *ADJ*.

ape *v* अनुकरण करना imitate or mimic. He was suspended for a week because he had aped the principal in front of the whole school.

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aperture *N* छेद opening; hole. She discovered a small aperture in the wall, through which the insects had entered the room.

apex *N* सर्वोच्च tip; summit; climax. He was at the apex of his career: he had climbed to the top of the heap.

aphasia *N* बोली बंद होना Loss of speech due to injury or illness. After the automobile accident, the victim had periods of aphasia *when* he could not speak at all or could only mumble incoherently.

aphorism *N* कहावत pithy maxim. An aphorism differs from an adage in that it is more philosophical or scientific. "The proper study of mankind is man" is an aphorism. "There's no smoke without a fire" is an adage. *aphoristic*, *ADJ*.

apiary *N* मधमक्खियों के पालने का स्थान a place where bees are kept. Although he spent many hours daily in the apiary, he was very seldom stung by a bee.

aplomb *N* अभिमान poise; assurance. Gwen's aplomb in handling potentially embarrassing moments was legendary around the office; when one of her clients broke a piece of her best crystal, she coolly picked up her own goblet and hurled it into the fireplace.

apocalyptic *ADJ* सर्वनाशक prophetic; pertaining to revelations. The crowd jeered at the street preacher's apocalyptic predictions of doom. The Apocalypse or *Book of Revelations* of Saint John prophesies

the end of the world as we know it and foretells marvels and prodigies that signal the coming doom.

apocryphal *ADJ* शंकायुक्त untrue; made up. To impress his friends, Tom invented apocryphal tales of his adventures in the big city.

apogee *N* पराकाष्ठा highest point. When the moon in its orbit is farthest away from the earth, it is at its *apogee*.

apolitical *ADJ* अराजनैतिक having an aversion or lack of concern for political affairs. It was hard to remain apolitical during the Vietnam War; even people who generally ignored public issues felt they had to take political stands.

apologist *N* क्षमा की प्रार्थना करनेवाला one who writes in defense of a cause or institution. Rather than act as an apologist for the current regime in Beijing and defend its brutal actions, the young diplomat decided to defect to the West.

apostate *N* स्वधर्मत्यागी one who abandons his religious faith or political beliefs. Because he switched from one party to another, his former friends shunned him as an apostate. apostasy, *N*.

Word List 4 apotheosis-astigmatism

apotheosis *N* गुणगान elevation to godhood; an ideal example of something. The *apotheosis* of a Roman emperor was designed to insure his eternal greatness: people would worship at his altar forever. The hero of the musical *How to Succeed in Business ...* was the *apotheosis* of yuppieness: he was the perfect upwardly-bound young man on the make.

appall *V* धमकी देना dismay; shock. We were *appalled* by the horrifying conditions in the city's jails.

apparatus *N* उपकरण equipment. Firefighters use specialized *apparatus* to fight fires.

apparition *N* प्रेत ghost; phantom. On the castle battlements, an apparition materialized and spoke to Hamlet, warning him of his uncle's treachery. In *Ghostbusters*, hordes of apparitions materialized, only to be dematerialized by the specialized apparatus wielded by Bill Murray.

appease *V* खुश pacify or soothe; relieve. Tom and Jody tried to *appease* the crying baby by offering him one toy after another, but he would not calm down until they *appeased* his hunger by giving him a bottle.

appellation *N* पदवी name; title. Macbeth was startled when the witches greeted him with an incorrect appellation. Why did they call him Thane of Cawdor, he wondered, when the holder of that title still lived?

append *V* जोड़ना attach. When you *append* a bibliography to a text, you have just created an *appendix*.

application *N* आवेदन diligent attention. Pleased with how well Tom had whitewashed the fence, Aunt Polly praised him for his application to the task. apply, *V*. (secondary meaning)

apposite *ADJ* उपयुक्त appropriate; fitting. He was always able to find the apposite phrase, the correct expression for every occasion.

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appraise *V* आंकना estimate value of. It is difficult to appraise the value of old paintings; it is easier to call them priceless. appraisal, *N*.

appreciate *V* सराहना be thankful for; increase in worth; be thoroughly conscious of. Little Orphan Annie truly appreciated the stocks Daddy Warbucks gave her, which appreciated in value considerably over the years.

apprehend *V* पकड़ना arrest (a criminal); dread; perceive. The police will *apprehend* the culprit and convict him before long.

apprehension *N* डर fear. His nervous glances at the passersby on the deserted street revealed his *apprehension*.

apprenticeship *N* शगिर्दी time spent as a novice learning a trade from a skilled worker. As a child, Pip had thought it would be wonderful to work as Joe's apprentice; now he hated his *apprenticeship* and scorned the blacksmith's trade.

apprise *V* सूचना देना inform. When he was apprised of the dangerous weather conditions, he decided to postpone his trip.

approbation *N* प्रशंसा approval. She looked for some sign of *approbation* from her parents, hoping her good grades would please them.

appropriate *V* उपयुक्त acquire; take possession of for one's own use. The ranch owners appropriated the lands that had originally been set aside for the Indians' use.

apropos PREP अनुरूप with reference to; regarding. I find your remarks apropos of the present situation timely and pertinent. also ADJ. and ADV.

aptitude N योग्यता fitness; talent. The counselor gave him an aptitude test before advising him about the career he should follow.

aquatic ADJ जलीय pertaining to water. Paul enjoyed aquatic sports such as scuba diving and snorkeling.

aquiline ADJ मुड़ा हुआ curved, hooked. He can be recognized by his *aquiline* nose, curved like the beak of the eagle.

arable ADJ कृषि योग्य fit for growing crops. The first settlers wrote home glowing reports of the New World, praising its vast acres of *arable* land ready for the plow.

arbiter N मध्यस्थ a person with power to decide a dispute; judge. As an arbiter in labor disputes, she has won the confidence of the workers and the employers.

arbitrary ADJ मनमाना capricious; randomly chosen; tyrannical. Tom's arbitrary dismissal angered him; his boss had no reason to fire him. He threw an arbitrary assortment of clothes into his suitcase and headed off, not caring where he went.

arbitrator N पंच judge. Because the negotiating teams had been unable to reach a contract settlement, an outside arbitrator was called upon to mediate the dispute between union and management. arbitration, N.

arboretum N वनस्पति-वाटिका place where different tree varieties are exhibited. Walking along the tree-lined paths of the arboretum, Rita noted poplars, firs, and some particularly fine sycamores.

arcade N वृक्षों से ढंका हुआ मार्ग a covered passageway, usually lined with shops. The *arcade* was popular with shoppers because it gave them protection from the summer sun and the winter rain.

arcane ADJ भेद का secret; mysterious; known only to the initiated. Secret brotherhoods surround themselves with *arcane* rituals and trappings to mystify outsiders. So do doctors. Consider the *arcane* terminology they use and the impression they try to give that what is arcane to us is obvious to them.

Archaeology N पुरातत् study of artifacts and relics of early mankind. The professor of archaeology headed an expedition to the Gobi Desert in search of ancient ruins.

archaic ADJ प्राचीन antiquated. "Methinks," "thee," and "thou" are archaic words that are no longer part of our normal vocabulary.

archetype N मूलरूप आदर्श prototype; primitive pattern. The Brooklyn Bridge was the archetype of the many spans that now connect Manhattan with Long Island and New Jersey.

archipelago N द्वीपसमूह group of closely located islands. When Gauguin looked at the map and saw the 11 Barron's SAT I Basic Word List archipelagoes in the South Seas, he longed to visit them.

archives N अभिलेखागार public records; place where public records are kept. These documents should be part of the archives so that historians may be able to evaluate them in the future.

ardent ADJ उत्साही intense; passionate; zealous. Katya's ardor was contagious; soon all her fellow demonstrators were busily making posters and handing out flyers, inspired by her *ardent* enthusiasm for the cause. ardor, N.

arduous ADJ कठिन hard; strenuous. Her *arduous* efforts had sapped her energy.

aria N गीत operatic solo. At her Metropolitan Opera audition, Marian Anderson sang an *aria* from *Norma*.

arid ADJ शुष्क dry; barren. The cactus has adapted to survive in an *arid* environment.

aristocracy N शिष्टजन hereditary nobility; privileged class. Americans have mixed feelings about hereditary aristocracy. we say all men are created equal, but we describe particularly outstanding people as natural aristocrats.

armada N लड़ाई के जहाजों का बेड़ा fleet of warships. Queen Elizabeth's navy defeated the mighty armada that threatened the English coast.

aromatic ADJ खुशबूदार fragrant. Medieval sailing vessels brought aromatic herbs from China to Europe.

arousal N कामोत्तेजना awakening; provocation (of a response). On arousal, Papa was always grumpy as a bear. The children tiptoed around the house, fearing they would arouse his anger by waking him up.

arraign V कलंक लगाना charge in court; indict. After his indictment by the Grand Jury, the accused man was *arraigned* in the County Criminal Court.

array v सरणी marshal; draw up in order. His actions were bound to array public sentiment against him.
also n.

array v. व्यूह-रचना clothe; adorn. She liked to watch her mother array herself in her finest clothes before going out for the evening. also n.

arrears n बकाया being in debt. He was in arrears with his payments on the car.

arrest v गिरफ्तार करना stop or slow down; catch someone's attention. Slipping, the trapeze artist plunged from the heights until a safety net luckily arrested his fall. This near-disaster *arrested* the crowd's attention.

arrogance n हेकड़ी pride; haughtiness. Convinced that Emma thought she was better than anyone else in the class, Ed rebuked her for her arrogance.

arroyo n अरोयो gully. Until the heavy rains of the past spring, this arroyo had been a dry bed.

arsenal n शस्त्रागार storage place for military equipment. People are forbidden to smoke in the *arsenal* for fear that a stray spark might set off the munitions stored there.

articulate adj स्पष्ट, गाँठदार effective; distinct. Her articulate presentation of the advertising campaign impressed her employers. also v.

artifact n विरूपण साक्ष्य object made by human beings, either handmade or mass-produced. Archaeologists debated the significance of the artifacts discovered in the ruins of Asia Minor but came to no conclusion about the culture they represented.

artifice n युक्ति deception; trickery. The Trojan War proved to the Greeks that cunning and artifice were often more effective than military might.

artisan n शिल्पकार manually skilled worker; craftsman, as opposed to artist. A noted artisan, Arturo was known for the fine craftsmanship of his inlaid cabinets.

artless adj अनाड़ी without guile; open and honest. Sophisticated and cynical, Jack could not believe Jill was as artless and naive as she appeared to be.

ascendancy n प्रभुत्व controlling influence; domination. Leaders of religious cults maintain *ascendancy* over their followers by methods that can verge on brainwashing.

ascertain v पता लगाना find out for certain. Please ascertain her present address.

ascetic adj तपस्वी practicing self-denial; austere. The wealthy, self-indulgent young man felt oddly drawn to the strict, *ascetic* life led by *members* of some monastic orders. also n.

ascribe v कारण बताना refer; attribute; assign. I can *ascribe* no motive for her acts.

aseptic adj सड़न रोकनेवाला preventing infection; having a cleansing effect. Hospitals succeeded in lowering the mortality rate as soon as they introduced *aseptic* conditions.

ashen adj भस्मवर्ण ash-colored. Her face was *ashen* with fear.

asinine adj गढ़े का stupid. Your *asinine* remarks prove that you have not given this problem any serious consideration.

askance adj कनखियों से with a sideways or indirect look. Looking *askance* at her questioner, she displayed her scorn.

askew adj तिरछा crookedly; slanted; at an angle. When he placed his hat *askew* upon his head, his observers laughed.

asperity n तीक्ष्णता sharpness (of temper). These remarks, spoken with asperity, stung the boys to whom they had been directed.

aspirant n आकांक्षी seeker after position or status. Although I am an aspirant for public office, I am not willing to accept the dictates of the party bosses. also adj.

aspire v महत्वाकांक्षा करना seek to attain; long for. Because he aspired to a career in professional sports, Philip enrolled in a graduate program in sports management. aspiration, n.

assail v. आक्रमण करना assault. He was *assailed* with questions after his lecture.

assay v परख analyze; evaluate. When they assayed the ore, they found that they had discovered a very rich vein. also n.

assent v अनुमति agree; accept. It gives me great pleasure to *assent* to your request.

assert v जोर declare or state with confidence; put oneself forward boldly. Malcolm *asserted* that if Reese quit acting like a wimp and *asserted* himself a bit more, he'd improve his chances of getting a date.

assertion, N.

assessment N मूल्यांकन evaluation; judgment. Your SAT I score plays a part in the admission committee's *assessment* of you as an applicant.

assiduous ADJ परिश्रमी diligent. He was assiduous, working at this task for weeks before he felt satisfied with his results. *assiduity*, N.

assimilate V पचाना absorb; cause to become homogeneous. The manner in which the United States was able to assimilate the hordes of immigrants during the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries will always be a source of pride to Americans. The immigrants eagerly assimilated new ideas and customs; they soaked them up, the way plants soak up water.

***assuage** V शांत करना ease or lessen (pain); satisfy (hunger); soothe (anger). Jilted by Jane, Dick tried to assuage his heartache by indulging in ice cream. One gallon later, he had *assuaged* his appetite but not his grief.

assumption N कल्पना something taken for granted; taking over or taking possession of. The young princess made the foolish assumption that the regent would not object to her assumption of power. *assume*, V.

assurance N बीमा promise or pledge; certainty; self-confidence. When Guthrie gave Guinness his *assurance* that rehearsals were going well, he spoke with such assurance that Guinness felt relieved. *assure*, V.

asteroid N छोटा तारा small planet. *Asteroids* have become commonplace to the readers of interstellar *travel stories* in science fiction magazines.

astigmatism दृष्टिवैषम्य eye defect that prevents proper focus. As soon as his parents discovered that the boy suffered from astigmatism, they took him to the optometrist for corrective glasses.

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astral ADJ सूक्ष्म relating to the stars. She was amazed at the number of astral bodies the new telescope revealed.

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astringent ADJ स्तम्भक binding; causing contraction. The astringent quality of the unsweetened lemon juice made swallowing difficult. also N.

astronomical ADJ खगोलीय enormously large or extensive. The government seems willing to spend astronomical sums on weapons development.

astute ADJ चतुर wise; shrewd; keen. The painter was an astute observer, noticing every tiny detail of her model's appearance and knowing exactly how important each one was.

asunder ADV अलग-अलग into parts; apart. A fierce quarrel split the partnership *asunder*: the two partners finally sundered their connections because their points of view were poles asunder.

asylum N अस्पताल place of refuge or shelter; protection. The refugees sought asylum from religious persecution in a new land.

asymmetric ADJ असममित not identical on both sides of a dividing central line. Because one eyebrow was set markedly higher than the other, William's face had a particularly asymmetric appearance.

atavism N विरासत resemblance to remote ancestors rather than to parents; deformity returning after passage of two or more generations. The doctors ascribed the child's deformity to an atavism.

atheistic ADJ नास्तिक वृत्ति का denying the existence of God. His atheistic remarks shocked the religious worshippers.

atlas N एटलस a bound volume of maps, charts, or tables. Embarrassed at being unable to distinguish Slovenia from Slovakia, George W. finally consulted an atlas.

atone V मेल करना make amends for; pay for. He knew no way in which he could atone for his brutal crime.

atrocious N क्रूरता brutal deed. In time of war, many atrocities are committed by invading armies.

***atrophy** N शोष wasting away. Polio victims need physiotherapy to prevent the atrophy of affected limbs. also V.

attain V प्राप्त achieve or accomplish; gain. The scarecrow sought to attain one goal: he wished to obtain a brain.

attentive ADJ सचेत alert and watchful; considerate; thoughtful. Spellbound, the attentive audience watched the final game of the tennis match, never taking their eyes from the ball. A cold wind sprang up; Stan's attentive daughter slipped a sweater over his shoulders without distracting his

attention from the game.

attenuate v दुर्बल होना make thin; weaken. By withdrawing their forces, the generals hoped to attenuate the enemy lines.

attest v यह प्रमाणित करते हैं testify, bear witness. Having served as a member of the Grand Jury, I can attest that our system of indicting individuals is in need of improvement.

attribute n गुण essential quality. His outstanding attribute was his kindness.

attribute v विशेषता ascribe; explain. I attribute her success in science to the encouragement she received from her parents.

attrition n संघर्षण gradual decrease in numbers; reduction in the work force without firing employees; wearing away of opposition by means of harassment. In the 1960s urban churches suffered from attrition as members moved from the cities to the suburbs. Rather than fire staff members, church leaders followed a policy of attrition, allowing elderly workers to retire without replacing them.

atypical ADJ असामान्य not normal. The child psychiatrist reassured Mrs. Keaton that playing doctor was not atypical behavior for a child of young Alex's age. "Yes," she replied, "but not charging for house calls!"

audacious ADJ साहसी daring; bold. Audiences cheered as Luke Skywalker and Princess Leia made their audacious, deathdefying leap to freedom, escaping Darth Vader's troops. audacity, n.

audit n लेखा परीक्षा examination of accounts. When the bank examiners arrived to hold their annual audit, they discovered the embezzlements of the chief cashier. also v.

auditory ADJ श्रवण pertaining to the sense of hearing. Audrey suffered from auditory hallucinations: she thought Elvis was speaking to her from the Great Beyond.

augment v बढ़ाना increase; add to. Armies augment their forces by calling up reinforcements; teachers augmentt their salaries by taking odd jobs.

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augury n भविष्यवाणी omen; prophecy. He interpreted the departure of the birds as an augury of evil. augur, v.

august ADJ प्रतापी impressive; majestic. Visiting the palace at Versailles, she was impressed by the august surroundings in which she found herself.

aureole n किरणों का पुंज sun's corona; halo. Many medieval paintings depict saintly characters with aureoles around their heads.

auroral ADJ ऊषा pertaining to the aurora borealis. The auroral display was particularly spectacular that evening.

auspicious ADJ सौभाग्यशाली favoring success. With favorable weather conditions, it was an auspicious moment to set sail. Thomas, however, had doubts about sailing: a paranoid, he became suspicious whenever conditions seemed auspicious.

austere ADJ सीधा-सादा forbiddingly stern; severely simple and unornamented. The headmaster's austere demeanor tended to scare off the more timid students, who never visited his study willingly. The room reflected the man, austere and bare, like a monk's cell, with no touches of luxury to moderate its austerity.

authenticate v प्रमाणित prove genuine. An expert was needed to *authenticate* the original Van Gogh painting, distinguishing it from its imitation.

authoritarian ADJ सत्तावादी subordinating the individual to the state; completely dominating another's will. The leaders of the *authoritarian* regime ordered the suppression of the democratic protest movement. After years of submitting to the will of her authoritarian father, Elizabeth Barrett ran away from home with the poet Robert Browning.

authoritative ADJ आधिकारिक

having the weight of authority; peremptory and dictatorial. Impressed by the young researcher's well-documented presentation, we accepted her analysis of the experiment as authoritative.

autocratic ADJ निरंकुश having absolute, unchecked power; dictatorial. Someone accustomed to exercising authority may become autocratic if his or her power is unchecked. Dictators by definition are autocrats. Bosses who dictate behavior as well as letters can be autocrats too.

automaton n. आटोमैटिक मशीन mechanism that imitates actions of humans. Long before science fiction readers became aware of robots, writers were presenting stories of automatons who could outperform men.

autonomous **ADJ** स्वायत्त self-governing. Although the University of California at Berkeley is just one part of the state university system, in many ways Cal Berkeley is autonomous, for it runs several programs that are not subject to outside control. **autonomy**, **N**.

autopsy **N** शव परीक्षण examination of a dead body; post-mortem. The medical examiner ordered an autopsy to determine the cause of death. **also v**.

auxiliary **ADJ** सहायक helper, additional or subsidiary. To prepare for the emergency, they built an auxiliary power station. **also N**.

avalanche **N** हिमस्खलन great mass of falling snow and ice. The park ranger warned the skiers to stay on the main trails, where they would be in no danger of being buried beneath a sudden *avalanche*.

***avarice** **N** लोभ greediness for wealth. King Midas is a perfect example of avarice, for he was so greedy that he wished everything he touched would turn to gold.

avenge **V** बदला लेना take vengeance for something (or on behalf of someone). Hamlet vowed he would *avenge* his father's murder and punish Claudius for his horrible crime.

averse **ADJ** प्रतिकूल reluctant; disinclined. The reporter was averse to revealing the sources of his information.

aversion **N** घृणा firm dislike. Bert had an aversion to yuppies; Alex had an aversion to punks. Their mutual aversion was so great that they refused to speak to one another.

avert **V** टालना prevent; turn away. She *averted* her eyes from the dead cat on the highway.

***aviary** **N** पक्षीशाल enclosure for birds. The aviary at the zoo held nearly 300 birds.

avid **ADJ** उत्सुक greedy; eager for. He was avid for learning and read everything he could get. **avidity**, **N**.

avocation **N** धन्धा secondary or minor occupation. His hobby proved to be so fascinating and profitable that gradually he abandoned his regular occupation and concentrated on his avocation.

avow **V** खुलकर कहना declare openly. Lana *avowed* that she never meant to steal Debbie's boyfriend, but no one

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believed her avowal of innocence.

avuncular **ADJ**. मामा समान, चाचा समान like an uncle. Avuncular pride did not prevent him from noticing his nephew's shortcomings.

awe **N** के खौफ में solemn wonder. The tourists gazed with awe at the tremendous expanse of the Grand Canyon.

awry **ADV** टेढ़ा distorted; crooked. He held his head awry, giving the impression that he had caught cold in his neck during the night. **also ADJ**.

axiom **N** स्वयंसिद्ध self-evident truth requiring no proof. Before a student can begin to think along the lines of Euclidean geometry, he must accept certain principles or axioms.

azure **ADJ** नीला sky blue. Azure skies are indicative of good weather.

babble **V** प्रलाप chatter idly. The little girl *babbled* about her doll. **also N**.

bacchanalian **ADJ** मद्योत्सव संबंधी drunken. Emperor Nero attended the *bacchanalian* orgy.

badger **V** बिज्जू pester; annoy. She was forced to change her telephone number because she was *badgered* by obscene phone calls.

badinage **N** दिल्लगी teasing conversation. Her friends at work greeted the news of her engagement with cheerful *badinage*.

baffle **V** चकरा देना frustrate; perplex. The new code *baffled* the enemy agents.

bait **V** चारा harass; tease. The school bully *baited* the smaller children, terrorizing them.

baleful **ADJ** हानिकारक deadly; having a malign influence; ominous. The fortune teller made *baleful* predictions of terrible things to come.

balk **V** मेंड foil or thwart; stop short; refuse to go on. When the warden learned that several inmates were planning to escape, he took steps to *balk* their attempt. However, he *balked* at punishing them by shackling them to the walls of their cells.

ballast *N* गिट्टी (बोझ जो नौका को स्थिर बनाने के लिए रखा जाता है) heavy substance used to add stability or weight. The ship was listing badly to one side; it was necessary to shift the ballast in the hold to get her back on an even keel. also *v*.

balm *N* मरहम something that relieves pain. Friendship is the finest balm for the pangs of disappointed love.

balmy *ADJ* खुशबूदार mild; fragrant. A balmy breeze refreshed us after the sultry blast.

banal *ADJ* तुच्छ hackneyed; commonplace; trite; lacking originality. The hack writer's wornout clichés made his comic sketch seem banal. He even resorted to the banality of having someone slip on a banana peel!

bandy *vi* विवाद करना discuss lightly or glibly; exchange (words) heatedly. While the president was happy to bandy patriotic generalizations with anyone who would listen to him, he refused to bandy words with unfriendly reporters at the press conference.

bane *N* अभिशाप cause of ruin; curse. Lucy's little brother was the bane of her existence: his attempts to make her life miserable worked so well that she could have poisoned him with ratsbane for having such a baneful effect.

bantering *ADJ* मज़ाकिया good-natured ridiculing. They resented his bantering remarks because they thought he was being sarcastic.

barb *N* कंटिया sharp projection from fishhook, etc.; openly cutting remark. If you were a politician, which would you prefer, being caught on the barb of a fishhook or being subjected to malicious verbal barbs? Who can blame the president if he's happier fishing than back in the capitol listening to his critics' barbed remarks?

Word List 6 *bard-bluff*

bard *N* कवि poet. The ancient bard Homer sang of the fall of Troy.

baroque *ADJ* बारोक highly ornate. Accustomed to the severe lines of contemporary buildings, the architecture students found the flamboyance of baroque architecture amusing. They simply didn't go for baroque.

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barrage *N* आड़ (गोला-बारी) barrier laid down by artillery fire. The company was forced to retreat through the barrage of heavy cannons.

barren *ADJ* बंजर desolate; fruitless and unproductive; lacking. Looking out at the trackless, barren desert, Indiana Jones feared that his search for the missing expedition would prove barren.

barricade *N* स्कावट hastily put together defensive barrier; obstacle. Marius and his fellow students hurriedly improvised a rough barricade to block police access to the students' quarter. Malcolm and his brothers barricaded themselves in their bedroom to keep their mother from seeing the hole in the bedroom floor. also *v*.

barterer *N* वस्तु-विनिमय trader. The barterer exchanged trinkets for the natives' furs. It seemed smarter to barter than to pay cash.

bask *v* गरमाना luxuriate; take pleasure in warmth. Basking on the beach, she relaxed so completely that she fell asleep.

bastion *N* बुर्ज fortress; defense. The villagers fortified the town hall, hoping this improvised bastion could protect them from the guerillas' raids. .

bate *v* सस्ता करना let down; restrain. Until it was time to open the presents, the children had to bate their curiosity. bated, *ADJ*.

bauble *N* छोटी बात trinket; trifle. The child was delighted with the bauble she had won in the grab bag.

bawdy *ADJ* गंदा indecent; obscene. Jack took offense at Jill's bawdy remarks. What kind of young man did she think he was?

beam *N* किरण ray of light; long piece of metal or wood; course of a radio signal. *v* smile radiantly. If a beam of light falls on you, it illuminates you; if a beam of iron falls on you, it eliminates you. (No one feels like beaming when crushed by an iron beam.)

beatific *ADJ* सुखी giving bliss; blissful. The beatific smile on the child's face made us very happy.

beatitude *N* परम सुख blessedness; state of bliss. Growing closer to God each day, the mystic achieved a state of indescribable beatitude.

Bedizen तड़क-भड़क से सजाना (भड़कीले कपड़े पहनना) dress with vulgar finery. The witch doctors were bedizened in all their gaudiest costumes.

bedraggle v लथेड़ना (गंदा करना) wet thoroughly; stain with mud. We were so bedraggled by the severe storm that we had to change into *dry clothing*. **bedraggled**, ADJ.

beeline n सीधा रास्ता direct, quick route. As soon as the movie was over, Jim made a *beeline* for the exit.

befuddle v मदहोश हो जाना confuse thoroughly. His attempts to clarify the situation succeeded only in *befuddling* her further.

beget v उत्पन्न करना father; produce; give rise to. One good turn may deserve another; it does not necessarily *beget* another.

begrudge v डाह खाना resent. I *begrudge* every minute I have to spend attending meetings; they're a complete waste of time.

***beguile** v मोहना mislead or delude; pass time. With flattery and big talk of easy money, the con men *beguiled* Kyle into betting his allowance on the shell game. Broke, he *beguiled* himself during the long hours by playing solitaire.

behemoth n आबी घोड़ा huge creature; monstrous animal. Sportscasters nicknamed the linebacker "The *Behemoth*."

belabor v बुरी तरह पीटना explain or go over excessively or to a ridiculous degree; attack verbally. The debate coach warned her student not to bore the audience by *belaboring* her point.

belated देर में आया हुआ delayed. He apologized for his belated note of condolence to the widow of his friend and explained that he had just learned of her husband's untimely death.

beleaguer v धेरा डालना besiege or attack; harassed. The babysitter was surrounded by a crowd of unmanageable brats who relentlessly *beleaguered* her.

belie v झुठलाना contradict; give a false impression. His coarse, hard-bitten exterior *belied* his inner sensitivity.

belittle v कम हो जाना disparage or depreciate; put down. Parents should not *belittle* their children's early attempts at drawing, but should encourage their efforts. Barry was a put-down artist: he was a genius at 17

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belittling people and making them feel small.

bellicose ADJ झगड़ालू warlike. His *bellicose* disposition alienated his friends.

belligerent ADJ युद्धरत quarrelsome. Whenever he had too much to drink, he became *belligerent* and tried to pick fights with strangers. *belligerence*, n.

bemoan v रोना lament; express disapproval of. The widow *bemoaned* the death of her beloved husband. Although critics *bemoaned* the serious flaws in the author's novels, each year his latest book topped the best-seller list.

bemused ADJ विचार शक्ति हर लिया confused; lost in thought; preoccupied. Jill studied the garbled instructions with a *bemused* look on her face.

benediction n आशीर्वाद blessing. The appearance of the sun after the many rainy days was like a *benediction*.

benefactor n दान देनेवाला gift giver; patron. Scrooge later became Tiny Tim's *benefactor* and gave him gifts.

beneficial ADJ फायदेमंद helpful; useful. Tiny Tim's cheerful good nature had a *beneficial* influence on Scrooge's once uncharitable disposition.

beneficiary n लाभार्थी person entitled to benefits or proceeds of an insurance policy or will. In Scrooge's will, he made Tiny Tim his *beneficiary*. everything he left would go to young Tim.

benevolent ADJ भलाई करनेवाला generous; charitable. Mr. Fezziwig was a *benevolent* employer, who wished to make Christmas merrier for young Scrooge and his other employees.

benign ADJ सौम्य kindly; favorable; not malignant. Though her benign smile and gentle bearing made Miss Marple seem a sweet little old lady, in reality she was a tough-minded, shrewd observer of human nature. *benignity*, n.

bent ADJ; n झुका हुआ determined; natural talent or inclination. *Bent* on advancing in the business world, the secretary-heroine of *Working Girl* has a true *bent* for high finance.

***bequeath** v वसीयत में देना leave to someone by a will; hand down. Though Maud had intended to *bequeath* the family home to her nephew, she died before changing her will. *bequest*, n.

berate v गाली देना scold strongly. He feared she would berate him for his forgetfulness.

bereavement *N* वियोग state of being deprived of something valuable or beloved. His friends gathered to console him upon his sudden *bereavement*.

bereft *ADJ* दीवाना deprived of; lacking; desolate because of a loss. The foolish gambler soon found himself *bereft* of funds.

berserk *ADV* निडर frenzied. Angered, he went *berserk* and began to wreck the room.

beseech *V* प्रार्थना करना beg; plead with. The workaholic executive's wife *beseached* him to spend more time with their son.

beset *V* घेर लेना harass or trouble; hem in. Many vexing problems *beset* the American public school system. Sleeping Beauty's castle was beset on all sides by dense thickets that hid it from view.

besiege *V* मुहासिरा करना surround with armed forces; harass (with requests). When the bandits *besieged* the village, the villagers holed up in the town hall and prepared to withstand a long siege. Members of the new administration were *besieged* with job applications from people who had worked on the campaign.

besmirch *V* गंदा करना soil, defile. The scandalous remarks in the newspaper *besmirched* the reputations of every member of the society.

bestial *ADJ* वहशी beastlike; brutal. According to legend, the werewolf was able to abandon its human shape and take on a *bestial* form.

bestow *V* प्रदान करना give. He wished to *bestow* great honors upon the hero.

betoken *V* सहारा लेना signify; indicate. The well-equipped docks, tall piles of cargo containers, and numerous vessels being loaded all *betokened* Oakland's importance as a port.

betray *V* प्रकट करना be unfaithful; reveal (unconsciously or unwillingly). The spy *betrayed* his country by selling military secrets to the enemy. When he was taken in for questioning, the tightness of his lips *betrayed* his fear of being caught.

betroth *V* वाग्दान करना become engaged to marry. The announcement that they had become *betrothed* surprised

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their friends who had not suspected any romance. betrothal, *N*.

bevy *N* झुंड large group. The movie actor was surrounded by a *bevy* of starlets.

biased *ADJ* झुका हुआ slanted; prejudiced. Because the judge played golf regularly with the district attorney's father, we feared he might be *biased* in the prosecution's favor. bias, *N*.

bicameral *ADJ* दो खाने का two-chambered, as a legislative body. The United States Congress is a bicameral body.

bicker *V* कल-कल के साथ बहना quarrel. The children *bickered* morning, noon, and night, exasperating their parents.

biennial *ADJ* द्विवार्षिक every two years. Seeing no need to meet more frequently, the group held *biennial* meetings instead of annual ones. Plants that bear flowers *biennially* are known as *biennials*.

bigotry *N* कट्टरता stubborn intolerance. Brought up in a democratic atmosphere, the student was shocked by the bigotry and narrowness expressed by several of his classmates.

bilious *ADJ* मतली suffering from indigestion; irritable. His bilious temperament was apparent to all who heard him rant about his difficulties.

bilk *V* अदायगी से बचना swindle; cheat. The con man specialized in *bilking* insurance companies.

billowing *ADJ* लहराता swelling out in waves; surging. Standing over the air vent, Marilyn Monroe tried vainly to control her *billowing* skirts.

bivouac *N* पड़ाव temporary encampment. While in bivouac, we spent the night in our sleeping bags under the stars. also *V*.

bizarre *ADJ* विचित्र fantastic; violently contrasting. The plot of the novel was too bizarre to be believed.

blanch *V* सफेद करना bleach; whiten. Although age had *blanched* his hair, he was still vigorous and energetic.

bland *ADJ* नरम soothing or mild; agreeable. Jill tried a *bland* ointment for her sunburn. However, when Jack absentmindedly patted her on the sunburned shoulder, she couldn't maintain a *bland* disposition.

blandishment कोमलता flattery. Despite the salesperson's *blandishments*, the customer did not buy the outfit.

blare *N* तुरही बजाना loud, harsh roar or screech; dazzling blaze of light. I don't know which is worse: the steady blare of a boom box deafening your ears or a sudden blare of flashbulbs dazzling your eyes.

blasé *ADJ* उबा bored with pleasure or dissipation. Although Beth was as thrilled with the idea of a trip to Paris as her classmates were, she tried to act super cool and blasé, as if she'd been abroad hundreds of times.

blasphemy *N* ईश - निंदा irreverence; sacrilege; cursing. In my father's house, the Dodgers were the holiest of holies; to cheer for another team was to utter words of *blasphemy*. blasphemous, *ADJ*.

blatant *ADJ* ज़बरदस्त flagrant; conspicuously obvious; loudly offensive. To the unemployed youth from Dublin, the "No Irish Need Apply" placard in the shop window was a *blatant* mark of prejudice.

***bleak** *ADJ* बेरंग cold or cheerless; unlikely to be favorable. The frigid, inhospitable Aleutian Islands are *bleak* military outposts. It's no wonder that soldiers assigned there have a *bleak* attitude toward their posting.

***blighted** *ADJ* अभिशप्त suffering from a disease; destroyed. The extent of the blighted areas could be seen only when viewed from the air.

blithe *ADJ* ज़िंदादिल gay; joyous; heedless. Shelley called the skylark a "*blithe* spirit" because of its happy song.

bloated *ADJ* फूला हुआ swollen or puffed as with water or air. Her *bloated* stomach came from drinking so much water.

bludgeon *N* गदा club; heavy-headed weapon. Attacked by Dr. Moriarty, Holmes used his walking stick as a *bludgeon* to defend himself. "Watson," he said, "I fear I may have *bludgeoned* Moriarty to death."

bluff *ADJ* धोखा rough but good-natured. Jack had a *bluff* and hearty manner that belied his actual sensitivity; he never let people know how thin-skinned he really was.

bluff *N* दिखावा pretense (of strength); deception; high cliff. Claire thought Lord Byron's boast that he

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would swim the Hellespont was just a *bluff*; she was astounded when he dove from the high *bluff* into the waters below.

Word List 7 blunder-canter

blunder *N* बड़ी भूल error. The criminal's fatal *blunder* led to his capture. also *v*.

blurt *V* जोर से बोलना utter impulsively. Before she could stop him, he *blurted* out the news.

bluster *V* धमकी blow in heavy gusts; threaten emptily; bully. "Let the stormy winds bluster," cried Jack, "we'll set sail tonight." Jill let Jack *bluster*. she wasn't going anywhere, no matter what he said.

bode *V* भविष्यवाणी foreshadow; portend. The gloomy skies and the sulphurous odors from the mineral springs seemed to *bode* evil to those who settled in the area.

bogus *ADJ* जाली counterfeit; not authentic. The police quickly found the distributors of the *bogus* twenty-dollar bills.

bohemian *ADJ* बोहेनिया का unconventional (in an artistic way). Gertrude Stein ran off to Paris to live an eccentric, *bohemian* life with her writer friends. Oakland was not *bohemian*: it was too bourgeois, too middle-class.

boisterous *ADJ* उद्दाम violent; rough; noisy. The unruly crowd became even more boisterous when he tried to quiet them.

bolster *V* सिलेंडर support; reinforce. The debaters amassed file boxes full of evidence to bolster their arguments.

bolt *N* पेंच door bar; fastening pin or screw; length of fabric. The carpenter shut the workshop door, sliding the heavy metal bolt into place. He sorted through his toolbox for the nuts and bolts and nails he would need. Before he cut into the bolt of canvas, he measured how much fabric he would need.

bolt *V* सितकनी dash or dart off; fasten (a door); gobble down. Jack was set to bolt out the front door, but Jill *bolted* the door. "Eat your breakfast," she said, "don't bolt your food."

bombardment *N* बमबारी attack with missiles. The enemy *bombardment* demolished the town. Members of the opposition party *bombarded* the prime minister with questions about the enemy attack.

bombastic ADJ आडंबरपूर्ण pompous; using inflated language. Puffed up with conceit, the orator spoke in such a *bombastic* manner that we longed to deflate him. *bombast*, N.

booming ADJ तेजी से बढ़ता deep and resonant; flourishing, thriving. "Who needs a microphone?" cried the mayor in his *booming* voice. Cheerfully he *boomed* out that, thanks to him, the city's economy was *booming*. *boom*, V.

boon N वरदान blessing; benefit. The recent rains that filled our empty reservoirs were a *boon* to the whole community.

boorish ADJ अशिष्ट rude; clumsy; ungentelemanly. Natasha was embarrassed by her fellow spy's *boorish* behavior. "If you cannot act like a gentleman, Boris, go back to Russia: espionage is no job for clumsy *boors*." *boor*, N.

boundless ADJ असीम unlimited; vast. Mike's energy was *boundless*: the greater the challenge, the more vigorously he tackled the job.

bountiful ADJ प्रचुर abundant; graciously generous. Thanks to the good harvest, we had a *bountiful* supply of food and we could be as *bountiful* as we liked in distributing food to the needy.

bourgeois ADJ पूंजीपति middle class; selfishly materialistic; dully conventional. Technically, anyone who belongs to the middle class is bourgeois, but, given the word's connotations, most people resent it if you call them that.

bovine ADJ कमसमझ cowlike; placid and dull. Nothing excites Esther; even when she won the state lottery, she still preserved her air of *bovine* calm.

bowdlerize V अपशोधन करना expurgate. After the film editors had *bowdlerized* the language in the script, the motion picture's rating was changed from "R" to "PG."

boycott V बहिष्कार refrain from buying or using. To put pressure on grape growers to stop using pesticides that harmed the farm workers' health, Cesar Chavez called for consumers to boycott grapes.

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braggart N डींगमार boaster. Modest by nature, she was no braggart, preferring to let her accomplishments speak for themselves.

brandish V धमकी देना wave around; flourish. Alarmed, Doctor Watson wildly *brandished* his gun until Holmes told him to put the thing away before he shot himself.

bravado N वाहवाही swagger; assumed air of defiance. The *bravado* of the young criminal disappeared when he was confronted by the victims of his brutal attack.

brawn N मांसपेशी muscular strength; sturdiness. It takes *brawn* to become a champion weightlifter. *brawny*, ADJ.

brazen ADJ तांबे का insolent. Her *brazen* contempt for authority angered the officials.

breach N /व्यय; 突破; 打破/breaking of contract or duty; fissure or gap. Jill sued Jack for *breach* of promise, claiming he had broken his promise to marry her. They found a *breach* in the enemy's fortifications and penetrated their lines. *also V*.

breadth N चौड़ाई width; extent. We were impressed by the *breadth* of her knowledge.

brevity N संक्षिप्तता conciseness. Brevity is essential when you send a telegram or cablegram; you are charged for every word.

brindled ADJ चितकबरा tawny or grayish with streaks or spots. He was disappointed in the litter because the puppies were *brindled*, he had hoped for animals of a uniform color.

bristling ADJ लैस rising like bristles; showing irritation. The dog stood there, *bristling* with anger.

brittle ADJ नाजुक easily broken; difficult. My employer's self-control was as *brittle* as an egg-shell. Her *brittle* personality made it difficult for me to get along with her.

broach V सीख introduce; open up. Jack did not even try to *broach* the subject of religion with his in-laws. If you *broach* a touchy subject, it may cause a breach.

brochure N विवरणिका pamphlet. This *brochure* on farming was issued by the Department of Agriculture.

brooch N एक प्रकार का गहना ornamental clasp. She treasured the *brooch* because it was an heirloom.

browbeat V धमकाना bully; intimidate. Billy resisted Ted's attempts *browbeat* him into handing over his lunch money.

browse *v* स्वदेश विचरण *graze; skim or glance at casually.* "How now, brown cow, *browsing* in the green, green grass." I remember lines of verse that I came across while *browsing* through the poetry section of the local bookstore.

brunt *n* चोट *main impact or shock.* Tom Sawyer claimed credit for painting the fence, but the *brunt* of the work fell on others. However, he bore the *brunt* of Aunt Polly's complaints when the paint began to peel.

brusque *adj* अशिष्ट *blunt; abrupt.* Was Bruce too *brusque* when he brushed off Bob's request with a curt "Not now!"?

buccaneer *n* जहाजी डाकू */pirate.* At Disneyland the Pirates of the Caribbean sing a song about their lives as bloody *buccaneers*.

bucolic *adj* ग्राम्य *rustic; pastoral.* Filled with browsing cows and bleating sheep, the meadow was a charmingly *bucolic* sight.

buffet *n* बुफे *table with food set out for people to serve themselves; meal at which people help themselves to food that's been set out. Please convey the soufflé on the tray to the buffet. (Buffet rhymes with tray.)*

buffet *v* थप्पड़ *slap; batter; knock about.* To buffet something is to rough it up. (Buffet rhymes with Muffett.) Was Miss Muffett *buffeted* by the crowd on the way to the buffet tray?

buffoonery *n* तमाशा *clowning.* In the Ace Ventura movies, Jim Carrey's *buffoonery* was hilarious: like Bozo the Clown, he's a natural *buffoon*.

bullion *n* बुलियन *gold and silver in the form of bars.* Much *bullion* is stored in the vaults at Fort Knox.

bulwark *n* बांध *earthwork or other strong defense; person who defends.* The navy is our principal *bulwark* against invasion.

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bumptious *adj* खुद-एतमाद *self-assertive.* His classmates called him a show-off because of his *bumptious* airs.

bungalow *n* बंगला *small cottage.* Every summer we rent a *bungalow* on Cape Cod for our vacation home. The rent is high, the roof is low-it's a basic *bungalow*.

bungle *v* घपला *mismanage; blunder.* Don't botch this assignment, Bumstead; if you *bungle* the job, you're fired!

buoyant *adj* प्रसन्नचित्त *able to float; cheerful and optimistic.* When the boat capsized, her *buoyant* life jacket kept Jody afloat. Scrambling back on board, she was still in a *buoyant* mood, certain that despite the delay she'd win the race.

bureaucracy *n* नौकरशाही *over-regulated administrative system marked by red tape.* The Internal Revenue Service is the ultimate *bureaucracy*. taxpayers wasted so much paper filling out IRS forms that the IRS *bureaucrats* printed up a new set of rules requiring taxpayers to comply with the Paperwork Reduction Act.

burgeon *v* फलना फूलना *grow forth; send out buds.* In the spring, the plants that *burgeon* are a promise of the beauty that is to come.

burlesque *v* कार्टून *give an imitation that ridicules.* In *Spaceballs*, Rick Moranis *burlesques* Darth Vader of *Star Wars*, outrageously parodying Vader's stiff walk and hollow voice.

burly *adj* बलवान *husky; muscular.* The *burly* mover lifted the packing crate with ease.

burnish *v* पालिश *make shiny by rubbing; polish.* The maid *burnished* the brass fixtures until they reflected the lamplight.

bustle *v* हलचल *move about energetically; teem.* David and the children *bustled* about the house getting in each other's way as they tried to pack for the camping trip. The whole house *bustled* with activity.

buttress *v* समर्थन देना *support; prop up.* The attorney came up with several far-fetched arguments in a vain attempt to buttress his weak case. also *n*.

buxom *ADJ* प्रसन्नचित्त plump; vigorous; jolly. The soldiers remembered the buxom nurse who had always been so pleasant to them.

cabal *N* साज़िश small group of persons secretly united to promote their own interests. The cabal was defeated when their scheme was discovered.

cache *N* कैश (छिपाने की जगह) /hiding place. The detectives followed the suspect until he led them to the cache where he had stored his loot. He had *cached* the cash in a bag for trash: it was a hefty sum.

cacophonous *ADJ* कर्कश discordant; inharmonious. Do the students in the orchestra enjoy the *cacophonous* sounds they make when they're tuning up? I don't know how they can stand the racket. *cacophony, N.*

cadaver *N* शव corpse. In some states, it is illegal to dissect cadavers.

cadaverous *ADJ* मुर्दे-सा like a corpse; pale. By his cadaverous appearance, we could see how the disease had ravaged him.

cadence *N* ताल rhythmic rise and fall (of words or sounds); beat. Marching down the road, the troops sang out, following the *cadence* set by the sergeant.

cajole *V* खुशामद करना (फुसलाना) coax; wheedle. Diane tried to *cajole* her father into letting her drive the family car. *cajolery, N.*

calamity *N* आपदा disaster; misery. As news of the calamity spread, offers of relief poured in to the stricken community.

calculated *ADJ* गणना deliberately planned; likely. Lexy's choice of clothes to wear to the debate tournament was carefully *calculated*. Her conventional suit was one *calculated* to appeal to the conservative judges.

caldron *N* देग large kettle. "Why, Mr. Crusoe," said the savage heating the giant *caldron*, "we'd love to have you for dinner!"

caliber *N* बुद्धि का विस्तार ability; quality. Einstein's cleaning the blackboards again? Albert, quit it! A man of your *caliber* shouldn't have to do such menial tasks.

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calligraphy *N* सुलेख beautiful writing; excellent penmanship. As we examine ancient manuscripts, we become impressed with the calligraphy of the scribes.

callous *ADJ* कठोर hardened; unfeeling. He had worked in the hospital for so many years that he was callous to the suffering in the wards. *callus, N.*

callow *ADJ* अनुभवहीन youthful; immature; inexperienced. As a freshman, Jack was sure he was a man of the world; as a sophomore, he made fun of freshmen as callow youths. In both cases, his judgment showed just how callow he was.

calorific *ADJ* कैलोरी heat-producing. Coal is much more calorific than green wood.

calumny *N* चुगली malicious misrepresentation; slander. He could endure his financial failure, but he could not bear the calumny that his foes heaped upon him.

Camaraderie *N* सौहार्द (भाई-चारा) good-fellowship. What he loved best about his job was the sense of camaraderie he and his coworkers shared.

cameo *N* कैमिया (जिसकी जमीन रंगीन हो) shell or jewel carved in relief; star's special appearance in a minor role in a film. Don't bother buying cameos from the street peddlers in Rome: the carvings they sell are clumsy jobs. Did you enjoy Bill Murray's cameo in *Little Shop of Horrors*? He was onscreen for only a minute, but he cracked me up.

camouflage *V* छलावरण disguise; conceal. In order to rescue Han Solo, Princess Leia *camouflaged* herself in the helmet and cloak of a space bandit.

candor *N* स्पष्टवादिता frankness; open honesty. Jack can carry *candor* too far: when he told Jill his honest opinion of her, she nearly slapped his face. *candid, ADJ.*

canine *ADJ* कुत्ते का related to dogs; dog-like. Some days the canine population of Berkeley seems almost to outnumber the human population,

canny *ADJ.* चालाक shrewd; thrifty. The *canny* Scotsman was more than a match for the swindlers.

cant *N* खिचड़ी भाषा insincere expressions of piety; jargon of thieves. Shocked by news of the minister's extramarital love affairs, the worshippers dismissed his talk about the sacredness of marriage as mere *cant*. *Cant* is a form of hypocrisy: those who can, pray; those who cant, pretend.

cantankerous *ADJ* झगड़ातू ill humored; irritable. Constantly complaining about his treatment and refusing to cooperate with the hospital staff, he was a *cantankerous* patient.

cantata *N* कंटाटा story set to music, to be sung by a chorus. The choral society sang the new cantata composed by its leader.

canter *N* भिक्षु slow gallop. Because the racehorse had outdistanced its competition so easily, the reporter wrote that the race was won in a canter. also *v*.

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canto *N* गीत division of a long poem. Dante's poetic masterpiece *The Divine Comedy* is divided into cantos.

canvass *V* वोट मांगना determine votes, etc. After canvassing the sentiments of his constituents, the congressman was confident that he represented the majority opinion of his district. also *N*.

capacious *ADJ* विशाल spacious. In the capacious rotunda of the railroad terminal, thousands of travelers lingered while waiting for their train.

Capacity *N* क्षमता mental or physical ability; role; ability to accommodate. Mike had the capacity to handle several jobs at once. In his capacity as president of SelecTronics he marketed an electronic dictionary with a capacity of 200,000 words.

capitulate शर्त पर हथियार डाल देना surrender. The enemy was warned to capitulate or face annihilation.

caprice *N* मौज sudden, unexpected fancy; whim. On a caprice, Jack tried dragracing, but paid the price-his father took his Chevy Caprice away from him.

capricious *ADJ* मनमौजी unpredictable; fickle. The storm was capricious: it changed course constantly. Jill was capricious, too: she changed boyfriends almost as often as she changed clothes.

caption *N* शीर्षक title; chapter heading; text under illustration. The captions that accompany *The Far Side* 23Barron's SAT I Basic Word List cartoons are almost as funny as the pictures. also *v*.

captivate *V* बंदी बनाना charm or enthrall. Bart and Lisa were captivated by their new nanny's winning manner.

carat *N* कैरट (स्वर्ण शुद्धता माप) K/unit of weight for precious stones; measure of fineness of gold. He gave her a threecarat diamond mounted in an eighteen-carat gold band.

cardinal *ADJ* प्रमुख chief. If you want to increase your word power, the cardinal rule of vocabulary-building is to read.

cardiologist *N* हृदय रोग विशेषज्ञ doctor specializing in the heart. When the pediatrician noticed Philip had a slight heart murmur, she referred him to a cardiologist for further tests.

careen *V* झुक जाना lurch; sway from side to side. The taxicab *careened* wildly as it rounded the corner.

caricature *N* कार्टूनवाला distortion; burlesque. The *caricatures* he drew always emphasized a personal weakness of the people he burlesqued. also *v*.

carnage *N* नरसंहार destruction of life. The film *The Killing Fields* vividly depicts the *carnage* wreaked by Pol Pot's followers in Cambodia.

carnal *ADJ* कामुक fleshly. Is the public more interested in *carnal* pleasures than in spiritual matters? Compare the number of people who read *Playboy* daily to the number of those who read the Bible or Koran every day.

carnivorous *ADJ* मांसभक्षी meat-eating. The lion's a *carnivorous* beast. A hunk of meat makes up his feast. A cow is not a *carnivore*. She likes the taste of grain, not gore.

***carping** *ADJ* छिद्रान्वेषी finding fault. A *carping* critic is a nit-picker: he loves to point out flaws. If you don't like this definition, feel free to *carp*.

cartographer *N* मानचित्रकार map-maker. Though not a professional cartographer, Tolkien was able to construct a map of his fictional world.

cascade *N* झरना small waterfall. We were too tired to appreciate the beauty of the many cascades because we had to detour around them to avoid being drenched by the water *cascading* down.

castigate *v* पीटना criticize severely; punish. When the teacher threatened that she would castigate the mischievous boys if they didn't behave, they shaped up in a hurry.

casualty *n* दुर्घटना serious or fatal accident. The number of automotive casualties on this holiday weekend was high.

cataclysm *n* प्रलय upheaval; deluge. A cataclysm such as the French Revolution affects all countries. cataclysmic, *adj.*

catalyst *n* उत्प्रेरक agent which brings about a chemical change while it remains unaffected and unchanged. Many chemical reactions cannot take place without the presence of a catalyst.

catapult *n* गुलेल slingshot; a hurling machine. Airplanes are sometimes launched from battleships by catapults. also *v.*

cataract *n* मोतियाबिंद great waterfall; eye abnormality. She gazed with awe at the mighty cataract known as Niagara Falls.

catastrophe *n* तबाही calamity; disaster. The 1906 San Francisco earthquake was a *catastrophe* that destroyed most of the city. A similar earthquake striking today could have even more catastrophic results.

catcall *n* सन्नाटा shout of disapproval; boo. Every major league pitcher has off days during which he must learn to ignore the catcalls and angry hisses from the crowd.

catechism *n* जिरह FAQ, Q&A/book for religious instruction; instruction by question and answer. He taught by engaging his pupils in a catechism until they gave him the correct answer.

categorical *adj* स्पष्ट without exceptions; unqualified; absolute. Though the captain claimed he was never, never sick at sea, he finally had to qualify his categorical denial: he was "hardly ever" sick at sea.

cater to *v* की फिक्र करना supply something desired (whether good or bad). The chef was happy to cater to the tastes of his highly sophisticated clientele. Critics condemned the movie industry for catering to the public's ever-increasing appetite for violence.

catharsis *n* साफ हो जाना purging or cleansing of any passage of the body. Aristotle maintained that tragedy

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created a catharsis by purging the soul of base concepts.

catholic *adj* दुनिया भर का broadly sympathetic; liberal. He was extremely catholic in his taste and read everything he could find in the library.

caucus *n* गुट बैठक private meeting of members of a party to select officers or determine policy. At the opening of Congress, the members of the Democratic Party held a caucus to elect the Majority Leader of the House and the Party Whip.

caulk *v* ठूसकर बंद करना make watertight by filling in cracks. Jack had to caulk the tiles in the shower stall to stop the leak into the basement below.

causal *adj* करणीय implying a cause-and-effect relationship. The psychologist maintained there was a causal relationship between the nature of one's early childhood experiences and one's adult personality. causality, *n.*

caustic *adj* काटू burning; sarcastically biting. The critic's caustic remarks angered the hapless actors who were the subjects of his sarcasm.

cavalcade *n* घुड़सवार-दल procession; parade. As described by Chaucer, the cavalcade of Canterbury pilgrims was a motley group.

cavalier *adj* घुड़सवार offhand or casual; haughty. The disguised prince resented the cavalier way in which the palace guards treated him. How dared they handle a member of the royal family so unceremoniously!

cavil *v* झूठा इलजाम make frivolous objections. It's fine when you make sensible criticisms, but it really bugs me when you cavil about unimportant details. also *n.*

cede *v* सौंपना yield (title, territory) to; surrender formally. Eventually the descendants of England's Henry II were forced to *cede* their French territories to the King of France.

celebrated *adj* मशहूर famous; well-known. Thanks to their race to break Roger Maris's home-run record, Sammy Sosa and Mark McGwire are two of America's most *celebrated* baseball players. celebrity, *n.*

celerity *n* जल्दी speed; rapidity. Hamlet resented his mother's *celerity* in remarrying within a month after his father's death.

celestial *adj* आकाशीय heavenly. She spoke of the *celestial* joys that awaited virtuous souls in the hereafter.

celibate *ADJ* अविवाहित unmarried; abstaining from sexual intercourse. The perennial bachelor vowed to remain *celibate*. *celibacy*, *N*.

censor *N* सेंसर overseer of morals; person who reads to eliminate inappropriate remarks. Soldiers dislike having their mail read by a *censor* but understand the need for this precaution. also *v*.

censorious *ADJ* सख्त critical. *Censorious* people delight in casting blame.

censure *V* निंदा blame; criticize. The senator was *censured* for behavior inappropriate to a member of Congress. also *N*.

centigrade शतांशिक जिसमें सौ अंश हों measure of temperature used widely in Europe. On the *centigrade* thermometer, the freezing point of water is zero degrees.

centrifugal *ADJ* केंद्रत्यागी radiating; departing from the center. Many automatic drying machines remove excess moisture from clothing by centrifugal force.

centripetal *ADJ* केंद्र की ओर जानेवाला tending toward the center. Does centripetal force or the force of gravity bring orbiting bodies to the earth's surface?

centurion *N* सूबेदार Roman army officer. Because he was in command of a company of one hundred soldiers, he was called a centurion.

cerebral *ADJ* सेरिब्रल pertaining to the brain or intellect. The content of philosophical works is *cerebral* in nature and requires much thought.

cerebration *N* मस्तिष्क का कार्य thought. Mathematics problems sometimes require much *cerebration*.

ceremonious *ADJ* औपचारिक marked by formality. Ordinary dress would be inappropriate at so *ceremonious* an affair.

certitude *N* निरपेक्ष certainty. Though there was no *certitude* of his getting the job, Lou thought he had a good chance of doing so.

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cessation *N* समाप्ति stoppage. The airline's employees threatened a cessation of all work if management failed to meet their demands. *cease*, *v*.

cession *N* रियायत yielding to another; ceding. The cession of Alaska to the United States is discussed in this chapter.

chafe *V* मसलना warm by rubbing; make sore (by rubbing). Chilled, he *chafed* his hands before the fire. The collar of his school uniform *chafed* Tom's neck, but not as much the school's strict rules *chafed* his spirit. also *N*.

chaff *N* भूसा worthless products of an endeavor. When you separate the wheat from the *chaff*, be sure you throw out the *chaff*.

chaffing *ADJ* भूसा bantering; joking. Sometimes Chad's flippant, *chaffing* remarks annoy us. Still, Chad's *chaffing* keeps us laughing. also *N*.

chagrin *N* चिढ़ vexation (caused by humiliation or injured pride); disappointment. Embarrassed by his parents' shabby, working-class appearance, Doug felt their visit to his school would bring him nothing but *chagrin*. Someone filled with *chagrin* doesn't grin: he's too mortified.

chalice *N* प्याला goblet; consecrated cup. In a small room adjoining the cathedral, many ornately decorated *chalices* made by the most famous European goldsmiths were on display.

chameleon *N* गिरगिट lizard that changes color in different situations. Like the *chameleon*, he assumed the political thinking of every group he met.

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champion *V* हिमायती support militantly. Martin Luther King, Jr., won the Nobel Peace Prize because he *championed* the oppressed in their struggle for equality.

Chaotic *ADJ* अराजक in utter disorder. He tried to bring order into the chaotic state of affairs. *chaos*, *N*.

charisma *N* प्रतिभा divine gift; great popular charm or appeal of a political leader Political commentators have deplored the importance of a candidate's charisma in these days of television campaigning.

charlatan *N* मायावी quack; pretender to knowledge. When they realized that the Wizard didn't know how to get them back to Kansas, Dorothy and her companions were indignant that they'd been duped by a charlatan.

chary *ADJ* एहतियाती cautious; sparing or restrained about giving. A prudent, thrifty, New Englander, DeWitt was as chary of investing money in junk bonds as he was chary of paying people unnecessary compliments.

chasm *N* खाई abyss. They could not see the bottom of the chasm.

chassis *N* हवाई जहाज़ के पहिये framework and working parts of an automobile. Examining the car after the accident, the owner discovered that the body had been ruined but that the chassis was unharmed.

chaste *ADJ* पवित्र pure. Her chaste and decorous garb was appropriately selected for the solemnity of the occasion. *chastity*, *N*.

chasten *V* दण्ड देना discipline; punish in order to correct. Whom God loves, God chastens.

chastise *V* दंड देना punish. I must *chastise* you for this offense.

chauvinist *N* अंधराष्ट्रीवादी blindly devoted patriot. A chauvinist cannot recognize any faults in his country, no matter how flagrant they may be. Likewise, a male *chauvinist* cannot recognize his bias in favor of his own sex, no matter how flagrant that may be. *chauvinistic*, *ADJ*.

check *V* निरोध stop motion; curb or restrain. Thrusting out her arm, Grandma *checked* Bobby's lunge at his sister. "Young man," she said, "you'd better *check* your temper." (secondary meaning)

checkered *ADJ* विचित्र marked by changes in fortune. During his *checkered* career he had lived in palatial mansions and in dreary boardinghouses.

cherubic *ADJ* देवदूत संबंधी angelic; innocent-looking. With her cheerful smile and rosy cheeks, she was particularly *cherubic* child.

chicanery *N* झूठा इलज़ाम trickery; deception. Those sneaky lawyers misrepresented what occurred, made up all sorts of implausible alternative scenarios to confuse the jurors, and in general depended on

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chicanery to win the case.

chide *V* झिड़कना scold. Grandma began to *chide* Steven for his lying.

chimerical *ADJ* असाध्य fantastically improbable; highly unrealistic; imaginative. As everyone expected, Ted's chimerical scheme to make a fortune by raising ermines in his back yard proved a dismal failure.

chisel *N* छेनी wedgelike tool for cutting. With his hammer and *chisel*, the sculptor chipped away at the block of marble.

chisel *V* छेनी से गढ़ना swindle or cheat; cut with a chisel. That crook *chiseled* me out of a hundred dollars when he sold me that "marble" statue he'd *chiseled* out of some cheap hunk of rock.

Chivalrous *ADJ* उदार courteous; faithful; brave. *Chivalrous* behavior involves noble words and good deeds.

choleric *ADJ* चिड़चिड़ा hot-tempered. His flushed, angry face indicated a *choleric* nature.

choreography *N* नृत्यकला art of representing dances in written symbols; arrangement of dances.

Merce Cunningham has begun to use a computer in designing *choreography*. a software program allows him to compose arrangements of possible moves and immediately view them onscreen.

chortle *V* उमंग chuckle with delight. When she heard that her rival had just been jailed for embezzlement, she *chortled* with joy. She was not a nice lady.

chronic *ADJ* जीर्ण long established as a disease. The doctors were finally able to attribute his *chronic* headaches and nausea to traces of formaldehyde gas in his apartment.

chronicle *V* इतिवृत्त report; record (in chronological order). The gossip columnist was paid to *chronicle* the latest escapades of the socially prominent celebrities. also *N*.

churlish *ADJ* अक्खड़ boorish; rude. Dismayed by his *churlish* mapners at the party, the girls vowed never to invite him again.

cipher *N* संकेताक्षर secret code. Lacking his code book, the spy was unable to decode the message sent to him in *cipher*.

cipher *N* शून्य का अंक nonentity; worthless person or thing. She claimed her ex-husband was a total *cipher* and wondered why she had ever married him.

circuitous *ADJ* चक्करदार roundabout. To avoid the traffic congestion on the main highways, she took a circuitous route. *circuit*, *N*.

***circumlocution** *N* कपटपूर्ण बातें indirect or roundabout expression. He was afraid to call a spade a spade and resorted to circumlocutions to avoid direct reference to his subject.

circumscribe प्रतिबंध लगाना limit; confine. Although I do not wish to *circumscribe* your activities, I must insist that you complete this assignment before you start anything else.

circumspect **ADJ** चौकस prudent; cautious. Investigating before acting, she tried always to be circumspect.

circumvent **V** दरकिनार outwit; baffle. In order to circumvent the enemy, we will make two preliminary attacks in other sections before starting our major campaign.

cistern **N** टंकी reservoir or water tank. The farmers were able to withstand the dry season by using rainwater they had stored in an underground cistern.

citadel **N** गढ़ fortress. The *citadel* overlooked the city like a protecting angel.

cite **V** अदालत में तलब करना quote; command. She could cite passages in the Bible from memory. citation, **N**.

Civil **ADJ** नागरिक having to do with citizens or the state; courteous and polite. Although Internal Revenue Service agents are civil servants, they are not always civil to suspected tax cheats.

clairvoyant **ADJ. N** भेदक having foresight; fortuneteller. Cassandra's clairvoyant warning was not heeded by the Trojans. clairvoyance, **N**.

clamber **V** छीना-झपटी climb by crawling. She *clambered* over the wall.

clamor **N** कोलाहल noise. The clamor of the children at play outside made it impossible for her to take a nap. also **V**.

clandestine **ADJ** गुप्त secret. After avoiding their chaperon, the lovers had a clandestine meeting.

clangor कड़कड़ loud, resounding noise. The blacksmith was accustomed to the clangor of

27 Barron's SAT I Basic Word List **hammers on steel**.

clapper **N** घंटे का लटकन striker (tongue) of a bell. Wishing to be undisturbed by the bell, Dale wound his scarf around the clapper to muffle the noise of its striking.

clasp **N** पकड़ fastening device; firm grip. When the clasp on Judy's bracelet broke, Fred repaired it, bending the hook back into shape. He then helped her slip on the bracelet, holding it firm in the sure clasp of his hand.

claustrophobia **N** क्लौस्ट्रोफोबिया fear of being locked in. His fellow classmates laughed at his claustrophobia and often threatened to lock him in his room.

cleave **V** फोड़ना split or sever; cling to; remain faithful to. With her heavy cleaver, Julia Child can cleave a whole roast duck in two. Soaked through, the soldier tugged at the uniform that cleaved annoyingly to his body. He would cleave to his post, come rain or shine.

Cleft **N** फांक split. Trying for a fresh handhold, the mountaineer grasped the edge of a cleft in the sheer rockface. also **ADJ**.

clemency **N** दया disposition to be lenient; mildness, as of the weather. The lawyer was pleased when the case was sent to Judge Smith's chambers because Smith was noted for her clemency toward first offenders.

clench **V** जकड़ close tightly; grasp. "Open wide," said the dentist, but Clint *clenched* his teeth even more tightly than before.

cliché **N** क्लीशे phrase dulled in meaning by repetition. High school compositions are often marred by such clichés as "strong as an ox."

clientele **N** ग्राहक body of customers. The rock club attracted a young, stylish clientele.

climactic **ADJ** चरम relating to the highest point. When he reached the climactic portions of the book, he could not stop reading. climax, **N**.

clime **N** जलवायु region; climate. His doctor advised him to move to a milder clime.

Clip **N** चिमटा section of filmed material. Phil's job at Fox Sports involved selecting clips of the day's sporting highlights for later broadcast. also **V**.

clique **N** गिरोह small exclusive group. Fitzgerald wished that he belonged to the clique of popular athletes and big men on campus who seemed to run Princeton's social life.

cloister **N** मठ monastery or convent. The nuns lived a secluded life in the cloister.

Clout **N** प्रभाव great influence (especially political or social). Gatsby wondered whether he had enough clout to be admitted to the exclusive club.

cloning खुशामदी distasteful (because excessive); excessively sweet or sentimental. Disliking the cloying sweetness of standard wedding cakes, Jody and Tom chose to have homemade carrot cake at the reception. *cloy*, v.

Clump N पेड़ों का झुरमुट cluster or close group (of bushes, trees); mass; sound of heavy treading. Hiding behind the clump of bushes, the fugitives waited for the heavy clump of the soldiers' feet to fade away.

coagulate v जमना thicken; congeal; clot. Even after you remove the pudding from the burner, it will continue to coagulate as it stands; therefore, do not overcook the pudding, lest it become too thick.

***coalesce** v संगठित होना combine; fuse. The brooks coalesce into one large river. When minor political parties coalesce, their coalescence may create a major coalition.

coalition N गठबंधन partnership; league; union. The Rainbow Coalition united people of all races in a common cause.

coddle v लाड़ प्यार करना to treat gently. Don't *coddle* the children so much; they need a taste of discipline.

codicil N उपदित्सा supplement to the body of a will. Miss Havisham kept her lawyers busy drawing up codicils to add to her already complicated will.

codify v सांकेतिक शब्दों में बदलना arrange (laws, rules) as a code; classify. We need to take the varying rules and regulations of the different health agencies and *codify* them into a national health code.

coercion N बलात्कार use of force to get someone to obey. The inquisitors used both physical and psychological coercion to force Joan of Arc to deny that her visions were sent by God. *coerce*, v.

cogent ADJ ठोस convincing. It was inevitable that David chose to go to Harvard: he had several cogent reasons for doing so, including a full-tuition scholarship. Katya argued her **case** with such cogency that the jury had to decide in favor of her client.

cogitate v सोच-विचार करना think over. Cogitate on this problem; the solution will come.

cognate ADJ सजाति related linguistically; allied by blood; similar or akin in nature. The English word "mother" is cognate to the Latin word "mater," whose influence is visible in the words "maternal" and "maternity." also N.

cognitive ADJ संज्ञानात्मक having to do with knowing or perceiving; related to the mental processes. Though Jack was emotionally immature, his cognitive development was admirable; he was very advanced intellectually.

cognizance N ध्यान में रखते knowledge. During the election campaign, the two candidates were kept in full *cognizance* of the international situation.

cohere v अनुकूल होना stick together. Solids have a greater tendency to *cohere* than liquids.

cohesion N एकजुटता tendency to keep together. A firm believer in the maxim "Divide and conquer," the evil emperor, by means of lies and trickery, sought to disrupt the *cohesion* of the federation of free nations.

coiffure N केशविन्यास hairstyle. You can make a statement with your choice of *coiffure*: in the sixties many African-Americans affirmed their racial heritage by wearing their hair in Afros.

coin v सिक्का make coins; invent or fabricate. Mints *coin* good money; counterfeiters *coin* fakes. Slanderers *coin* nasty rumors; writers *coin* words. A neologism is an expression that's been newly coined.

coincidence N संयोग two or more things occurring at the same time by chance. Was it just a *coincidence* that John and she had chanced to meet at the market for three days running, or was he deliberately trying to seek her out? *coincidental*, ADJ.

colander N छलनी utensil with perforated bottom used for straining. Before serving the spaghetti, place it in a *colander* to drain it.

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collaborate v सहयोग work together. Two writers *collaborated* in preparing this book.

collage N महाविद्यालय work of art put together from fragments. Scraps of cloth, paper doilies, and old photographs all went into her collage.

collate v मुक़ाबला करना examine in order to verify authenticity; arrange in order. They collated the newly found manuscripts to determine their age.

collateral *N* संपाश्विक security given for loan. The sum you wish to borrow is so large that it must be secured by collateral.

colloquial *ADJ* बोल-चाल का pertaining to conversational or common speech. Some of the new, less formal reading passages on SAT I have a colloquial tone that is intended to make them more appealing to students.

collusion *N* मिलीभगत Conspiring in a fraudulent scheme. The swindlers were found guilty of collusion.

colossal *ADJ* भारी huge. Radio City Music Hall has a colossal stage.

comatose *ADJ* अचैतन्य का a coma; extremely sleepy. The longwinded orator soon had his audience in a comatose state.

***combustible** *ADJ* दहनशील easily burned. After the recent outbreak of fires in private homes, the fire commissioner ordered that all *combustible* materials be kept in safe containers, also *N*.

comely *ADJ* सुदर्शन attractive; agreeable. I would rather have a poor and comely wife than a rich and homely one.

comeuppance *N* फटकारना rebuke; deserts. After his earlier rudeness, we were delighted to see him get his *comeuppance*.

commandeer *V* किलेवार to draft for military purposes; to take for public use. The policeman

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commandeered the first car that approached and ordered the driver to go to the nearest hospital.

commemorate *V* मनाना honor the memory of. The statue of the Minute Man commemorates the valiant soldiers who fought in the Revolutionary War.

commensurate *ADJ* अनुरूप equal in extent. Your reward will be *commensurate* with your effort.

commiserate *V* सहानुभूति प्रकट करना feel or express pity or sympathy for. Her friends commiserated with the widow.

commodious *ADJ* विशाल spacious and comfortable. After sleeping in small roadside cabins, they found their hotel suite commodious.

communal *ADJ* सांप्रदायिक held in common; of a group of people. When they were divorced, they had trouble dividing their communal property.

compact *N* सघन agreement; contract. The signers of the Mayflower Compact were establishing a form of government.

compact *ADJ* सघन tightly packed; firm; brief. His short, compact body was better suited to wrestling than to basketball.

comparable *ADJ* तुलनीय similar. People whose jobs are comparable in difficulty should receive comparable pay.

compatible *ADJ* संगत harmonious; in harmony with. They were compatible neighbors, never quarreling over unimportant matters. compatibility, *N*.

compelling *ADJ* सम्मोहक overpowering; irresistible in effect. The prosecutor presented a well-reasoned case, but the defense attorney's compelling arguments for leniency won over the jury.

compensatory *ADJ* प्रतिपूरक making up for; repaying. Can a *compensatory* education program make up for the inadequate schooling he received in earlier years?

compile *V* संकलन assemble; gather; accumulate. We planned to compile a list of the words most frequently used on SAT I examinations.

complacency *N* शालीनता self-satisfaction; smugness. Full of *complacency* about his latest victories, he looked smugly at the row of trophies on his mantelpiece. complacent, *ADJ*.

complaisant *ADJ* मेहरबान trying to please; obliging. The courtier obeyed the king's orders in a complaisant manner.

complement *V* पूरक हैं complete; consummate; make perfect. The waiter recommended a glass of port to *complement* the cheese. also *N*.

***complementary** *ADJ* पूरक serving to complete something. John and Lisa's skills are *complementary*. he's good at following a daily routine, while she's great at improvising and handling emergencies. Together they make a great team.

compliance *N* अनुपालन readiness to yield; conformity in fulfilling requirements. Bullheaded Bill was not noted for easy *compliance* with the demands of others. As an architect, however, Bill recognized that his design for the new school had to be in *compliance* with the local building code.

compliant *ADJ* शिकायत yielding. Because Joel usually gave in and went along with whatever his friends desired, his mother worried that he might be too compliant.

complicity *N* सहापराध participation; involvement. You cannot keep your complicity in this affair secret very long; you would be wise to admit your involvement immediately.

component *N* अंग element; ingredient. I wish all the *components* of my stereo system were working at the same time.

composure *N* मानसिक संतुलन mental calmness. Even the latest work crisis failed to shake her composure.

compound *V* यौगिक combine; constitute; pay interest; increase. The makers of the popular cold remedy compounded a nasal decongestant with an antihistamine. also *N*.

comprehensive *ADJ* व्यापक thorough; inclusive. This book provides a comprehensive review of verbal and math skills for the SAT.

compress *V* संकुचित करें close; squeeze; contract. She compressed the package under her arm.

comprise *V* समावेश करना include; consist of. If the District of Columbia were to be granted statehood, the United States of America would comprise fifty-one states, not just fifty.

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compromise *V* समझौता adjust or settle by making mutual concessions; endanger the interests or reputation of. Sometimes the presence of a neutral third party can help adversaries compromise their differences. Unfortunately, you're not neutral; therefore, your presence here compromises our chances of reaching an agreement. also *N*.

compunction *N* मलाल remorse. The judge was especially severe in his sentencing because he felt that the criminal had shown no *compunction* for his heinous crime.

compute *V* गणना करना reckon; calculate. He failed to compute the interest, so his bank balance was not accurate. computation, *N*.

concave *ADJ* नतोदर hollow. The back-packers found partial shelter from the storm by huddling against the concave wall of the cliff.

concede *V* स्वीकार करना admit; yield. Despite all the evidence Monica had assembled, Mark refused to *concede* that she was right.

conceit *N* दंभ vanity or self-love; whimsical idea; extravagant metaphor. Although Jack was smug and puffed up with *conceit*, he was an entertaining companion, always expressing himself in amusing *conceits* and witty turns of phrase.

concentric *ADJ* गाढ़ा having a common center. The target was made of *concentric* circles.

conception *N* धारणा beginning; forming of an idea. At the first *conception* of the work, he was consulted. conceive, *V*.

concerted *ADJ* ठोस mutually agreed on; done together. All the Girl Scouts made a *concerted* effort to raise funds for their annual outing. When the movie star appeared, his fans let out a *concerted* sigh.

concession *N* छूट an act of yielding. Before they could reach an agreement, both sides had to make certain *concessions*.

conciliatory *ADJ* मिलाप करनेवाला reconciling; soothing. She was still angry despite his conciliatory words. conciliate, *V*.

concise *ADJ* संक्षिप्त brief and compact. When you define a new word, be *concise*: the shorter the definition, the easier it is to remember.

contrived *ADJ* काल्पनिक forced; artificial; not spontaneous. Feeling ill at ease with his new in-laws, James made a few *contrived* attempts at conversation and then retreated into silence.

controvert *V* शर्त लगाना oppose with arguments; attempt to refute; contradict. The witness's testimony was so clear and her reputation for honesty so well-established that the defense attorney decided it was wiser to make no attempt to *controvert* what she said.

contusion *N* नील bruise. Black and blue after her fall, Sue was treated for *contusions* and abrasions.

conundrum *N* पहेली riddle. During the long car ride, she invented *conundrums* to entertain the children.

convene *V* बुलाना assemble. Because much needed legislation had to be enacted, the governor ordered the legislature to *convene* in special session by January 15.

convention *N* सम्मेलन social or moral custom; established practice. Flying in the face of *convention*, George Sand shocked society by taking lovers and wearing men's clothes.

conventional ADJ पारंपरिक ordinary; typical. His *conventional* upbringing left him wholly unprepared for his wife's eccentric family.

converge V मिलना approach; tend to meet; come together. African-American men from all over the United States *converged* on Washington to take part in the historic Million Men march.

conversant ADJ दक्ष familiar with. The lawyer is *conversant* with all the evidence.

converse N उलटा opposite. The inevitable *converse* of peace is not war but annihilation.

converse V उलटा chat; talk informally. Eva was all ears while Lulu and Lola *conversed*. Wasn't it rude of her to eavesdrop on their *conversation*? *conversation*, N.

convert N संपरिवर्तित्र one who has adopted a different religion or opinion. On his trip to Japan, though the President spoke at length about the virtues of American automobiles, he made few *converts* to his beliefs. *also V*.

convex ADJ उत्तल curving outward. He polished the convex lens of his telescope.

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conveyance N वाहन vehicle; transfer. During the transit strike, commuters used various kinds of *conveyances*.

conviction N दोषसिद्धि judgment that someone is guilty of a crime; strongly held belief. Even her *conviction* for murder did not shake Peter's *conviction* that Harriet was innocent of the crime.

convivial ADJ खुशनुमा festive; gay; characterized by joviality. The convivial celebrators of the victory sang their college songs.

convoke V समाह्वान करना call together. Congress was *convoked* at the outbreak of the emergency. *convocation*, N.

convoluted ADJ जटिल coiled around; involved; intricate. His argument was so *convoluted* that few of us could follow it intelligently.

Copious ADJ प्रचुर plentiful. She had copious reasons for rejecting the proposal.

coquette N नखरा दिखाना flirt. Because she refused to give him an answer to his proposal of marriage, he called her a *coquette*. *also V*.

cordial ADJ हार्दिक gracious; heartfelt. Our hosts greeted us at the airport with a *cordial* welcome and a hearty hug.

cordon N घेरा extended line of men or fortifications to prevent access or egress. The police *cordon* was so tight that the criminals could not leave the area. *also V*.

cornucopia N प्राचुर्य horn overflowing with fruit and grain; symbol of abundance. The encyclopedia salesman claimed the new edition was a veritable *cornucopia* of information, an inexhaustible source of knowledge for the entire family.

corollary N परिणाम consequence; accompaniment. Brotherly love is a complex emotion, with sibling rivalry its natural *corollary*.

coronation N राज तिलक करना ceremony of crowning a queen or king. When the witches told Macbeth he would be king, they failed to warn him he would lose his crown soon after his *coronation*.

corporeal ADJ मूर्त bodily; material. The doctor had no patience with spiritual matters: his job was to attend to his patients' *corporeal* problems, not to minister to their souls.

corpulent ADJ चर्बीयुक्त very fat. The *corpulent* man resolved to reduce. *corpulence*, N.

correlation N सह - संबंध mutual relationship. He sought to determine the *correlation* that existed between ability in algebra and ability to interpret reading exercises. *correlate*, V., N.

corroborate V मंडित कतना confirm; support. Though Huck was quite willing to *corroborate* Tom's story, Aunt Polly knew better than to believe either of them.

corrode V क्षय destroy by chemical action. The girders supporting the bridge *corroded* so gradually that no one suspected any danger until the bridge suddenly collapsed. *corrosion*, N.

corrosive ADJ संक्षारक eating away by chemicals or disease. Stainless steel is able to withstand the effects of corrosive chemicals. *corrode*, V.

corrugated ADJ नालीदार wrinkled; ridged. She wished she could smooth away the wrinkles from his corrugated brow.

Cosmic ADJ लौकिक pertaining to the universe; vast. Cosmic rays derive their name from the fact that they

bombard the earth's atmosphere from outer space. COSMOS, N.

cosmopolitan ADJ विश्वजनीन sophisticated. Her years in the capitol had transformed her into a cosmopolitan young woman highly aware of international affairs.

coterie N मंडली group that meets socially; select circle. **After his** book had been published, he was invited to join the literary coterie that lunched daily at the hotel.

countenance V. मुखाकृति approve; tolerate. He refused to *countenance* such rude behavior on their part.

countenance N. मुखाकृति face. When Jose saw his newborn daughter, a proud smile spread across his *countenance*.

countermand V. प्रत्यादेश cancel; revoke. The general *countermanded* the orders issued in his absence.

culvert N. पुलिया artificial channel for water. If we build a *culvert* under the road at this point, we will reduce the possibility of the road's being flooded during the rainy season.

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cumbersome ADJ. बोझिल heavy; hard to manage. He was burdened down with *cumbersome* parcels.

cumulative ADJ. संचयी growing by addition. Vocabulary building is a *cumulative* process: as you go through your flash cards, you will add new words to your vocabulary, one by one.

cupidity N. अर्थलिप्सा greed. The defeated people could not satisfy the *cupidity* of the conquerors, who demanded excessive tribute.

curator N. रक्षक superintendent; manager. The members of the board of trustees of the museum expected the new *curator* to plan events and exhibitions that would make the museum more popular.

curmudgeon N. कृपण .churlish, miserly individual. Although he was regarded by many as a *curmudgeon*, a few of us were aware of the many kindnesses and acts of charity that he secretly performed.

cursive ADJ. घसीट flowing, running. In normal writing we run our letters together in *cursive* form; in printing, we separate the letters.

cursor ADJ. सतही casual; hastily done. Because a *cursor* examination of the ruins indicates the possibility of arson, we believe the insurance agency should undertake a more extensive investigation of the fire's cause.

curtail V. घटाना shorten; reduce. When Herb asked Diane for a date, she said she was really sorry she couldn't go out with him, but her dad had ordered her to *curtail* her social life.

cynical ADJ. निंदक skeptical or distrustful of human motives. *Cynical* from birth, Sidney was suspicious whenever anyone gave him a gift "with no strings attached." cynic, N.

cynosure N. ऋक्ष the object of general attention. As soon as the movie star entered the room, she became the *cynosure* of all eyes.

dabble V. भिगोना work at in a non-serious fashion; splash around. The amateur painter *dabbled* at art, but seldom produced a finished piece. The children *dabbled* their hands in the bird bath, splashing one another gleefully.

dais N. मंच . raised platform for guests of honor. When he approached the *dais*, he was greeted by cheers from the people who had come to honor him.

dank ADJ. गीला damp. The walls of the dungeon were *dank* and slimy.

dapper ADJ. व्यवसायिक neat and trim. In "The Odd Couple" TV show, Tony Randall played Felix Unger, an excessively dapper soul who could not stand to have a hair out of place.

dappled ADJ. विचित्र . spotted. The sunlight filtering through the screens created a *dappled* effect on the wall.

daub V. लीपापोती smear (as with paint). From the way he *daubed* his paint on the canvas, I could tell he knew nothing of oils. also N.

daunt V. वश में करना intimidate; frighten. "Boast all you like of your prowess. Mere words cannot *daunt* me," the hero answered the villain.

dauntless ADJ. निडर bold. Despite the dangerous nature of the undertaking, the *dauntless* soldier volunteered for the assignment.

dawdle V. समय नष्ट करना loiter; waste time. We have to meet a deadline so don't *dawdle*; just get down to work.

deadlock *N* गतिरोध standstill; stalemate. Because negotiations had reached a *deadlock*, some of the delegates had begun to mutter about breaking off the talks. also *v*.

deadpan *ADJ* भावशून्य wooden; impersonal. We wanted to see how long he could maintain his *deadpan* expression.

dearth *N* अकाल scarcity. The *dearth* of skilled labor compelled the employers to open trade schools.

debacle *N* पराजय sudden downfall; complete disaster. In the *Airplane* movies, every flight turns into a *debacle*, with passengers and crew members collapsing, engines falling apart, and carry-on baggage popping out of the overhead bins.

debase *V* मूल्य घटाना reduce in quality or value; lower in esteem; degrade. In *The King and I*, Anna refuses to kneel down and prostrate herself before the king, for she feels that to do so would *debase* her position, and she will not submit to such debasement.

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debauch *V* छिनाला corrupt; seduce from virtue. Did Socrates' teachings lead the young men of Athens to be virtuous citizens, or did they *debauch* the young men, causing them to question the customs of their fathers? Clearly, Socrates' philosophical talks were nothing like the wild *debauchery* of the toga parties in *Animal House*.

debilitate *V* दुर्बल करना weaken; enfeeble. Michael's severe bout of the flu *debilitated* him so much that he was too tired to go to work for a week.

debonair *ADJ* खुशमिजाज friendly; aiming to please. The *debonair* youth was liked by all who met him, because of his cheerful and obliging manner.

debris *N* मलबा rubble. A full year after the earthquake in Mexico City, they were still carting away the *debris*.

debunk *V* धूल में मिलाना expose as false, exaggerated, worthless, etc; ridicule. Pointing out that he consistently had voted against strengthening anti-pollution legislation, reporters *debunked* the candidate's claim that he was a fervent environmentalist.

debutante *N* लोगों के सामने पहली उपस्थिति करनेवाली young woman making formal entrance into society. As a *debutante*, she was often mentioned in the society columns of the newspapers.

decadence *N* पतन decay. The moral *decadence* of the people was reflected in the lewd literature of the period.

decapitate *V* सिर काटना behead. They did not hang Lady Jane Grey; they *decapitated* her. "Off with her head!" cried the Duchess, eager to *decapitate* poor Alice.

decelerate *V* धीमा करना slow down. Seeing the emergency blinkers in the road ahead, he *decelerated* quickly.

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deciduous *ADJ* झड़नेवाला falling off as of leaves. The oak is a *deciduous* tree; in winter it looks quite bare.

decimate *V* बरबाद करना kill, usually one out of ten. We do more to *decimate* our population in automobile accidents than we do in war.

decipher *V* पढ़ना interpret secret code. Lacking his code book, the spy was unable to *decipher* the scrambled message sent to him from the KGB.

declivity *N* ढार downward slope. The children loved to ski down the *declivity*.

decollete *ADJ* कंधे तक दिखने वाला वस्त्र having a low-necked dress. Current fashion decrees that evening gowns be *decollete* this season; bare shoulders are again the vogue.

decomposition *N* सड़न decay. Despite the body's advanced state of *decomposition*, the police were able to identify the murdered man.

decorum *N* शिष्टाचार propriety; orderliness and good taste in manners. Even the best-mannered students have trouble behaving with decorum on the last day of school. decorous, *ADJ*.

decoy *N* प्रलोभन lure or bait. The wild ducks were not fooled by the decoy. also *v*.

decrepit *ADJ* पुराना worn out by age. The decrepit car blocked traffic on the highway.

decrepitude *N* जीर्णता state of collapse caused by illness or old age. I was unprepared for the state of *decrepitude* in which I had found my old friend; he seemed to have aged twenty years in six months.

decry v. दोष देना express strong disapproval of; disparage. The founder of the Children's Defense Fund, Marian Wright Edelman, strongly decries the lack of financial and moral support for children in America today.

deducible ADJ छूट derived by reasoning. If we accept your premise, your conclusions are easily *deducible*.

deface v बदनाम करना mar; disfigure. If you *deface* a library book, you will have to pay a hefty fine.

defame v गाली देना harm someone's reputation; malign; slander. If you try to *defame* my good name, my lawyers will see you in court. If rival candidates persist in *defaming* one another, the voters may conclude that all politicians are crooks. *defamation*, N.

default N चूक failure to act. When the visiting team failed to show up for the big game, they lost

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the game by *default*. When Jack failed to make the payments on his Jaguar, the dealership took back the car because he had *defaulted* on his debt.

defeatist ADJ पराजयवादी attitude of one who is ready to accept defeat as a natural outcome. If you maintain your *defeatist* attitude, you will never succeed. also N.

defection N भंग desertion. The children, who had made him an idol, were hurt most by his *defection* from our cause.

defer v टालना delay till later; exempt temporarily. In wartime, some young men immediately volunteer to serve; others

defer टालना making plans until they hear from their draft boards. During the Vietnam War, many young men, hoping to be *deferred*, requested student *deferments*.

defer v अलग रखना give in respectfully; submit. When it comes to making decisions about purchasing software, we must *defer* to Michael, our computer guru; he gets the final word. Michael, however, can *defer* these questions to no one; only he can decide.

deference N सम्मान courteous regard for another's wish. In *deference* to the minister's request, please do not take photographs during the wedding service.

defiance N आज्ञा का उल्लंघन करना refusal to yield; resistance. When John reached the "terrible two's," he responded to every parental request with howls of *defiance*. *defy*, v.

defile v अपवित्र करना pollute; profane. The hoodlums *defiled* the church with their scurrilous writing.

definitive ADJ अंतिम final; complete. Carl Sandburg's *Abraham Lincoln* may be regarded as the *definitive* work on the life of the Great Emancipator.

deflect v मोड़ना turn aside. His life was saved when his cigarette case *deflected* the bullet.

defoliate v पत्तों से रहित करना destroy leaves. In Vietnam the army made extensive use of chemical agents to *defoliate* the woodlands.

defray v चुकाना pay the costs of. Her employer offered to *defray* the costs of her postgraduate education.

deft ADJ चतुर neat; skillful. The *deft* waiter uncorked the champagne without spilling a drop.

defunct ADJ मृत dead; no longer in use or existence. The lawyers sought to examine the books of the *defunct* corporation.

defuse v को शांत remove the fuse of a bomb; reduce or eliminate a threat. Police negotiators are trained to *defuse* dangerous situations by avoiding confrontational language and behavior.

degenerate v पतित become worse; deteriorate. As the fight dragged on, the champion's style *degenerated* until he could barely keep on his feet.

degradation N. थू थू humiliation; debasement; degeneration. Some secretaries object to fetching the boss a cup of coffee because they resent the *degradation* of being made to do such lowly tasks. *degrade*, v.

dehydrate v निर्जलीकरण remove water from; dry out. Running under a hot sun quickly *dehydrates* the body; joggers soon learn to carry water bottles and to drink from them frequently.

deify v देवता-सदृश पूजा करना turn into a god; idolize. Admire Elvis Presley all you want; just don't *deify* him.

deign v योग्य समझना condescend; stoop. The celebrated fashion designer would not *deign* to speak to a mere seamstress; his overburdened assistant had to convey the master's wishes to the lowly workers assembling his great designs.

delectable **ADJ** मनोरम delightful; delicious. We thanked our host for a most *delectable* meal.

delete **V** हटाना erase; strike out. Less is more: if you delete this paragraph, your whole essay will have greater appeal.

deleterious **ADJ** हानिकारक harmful. If you believe that smoking is deleterious to your health (and the Surgeon General certainly does), then quit!

deliberate **V** जानबूझकर consider; ponder. Offered the new job, she asked for time to *deliberate* before she told them her decision,

delineate **V** चित्रित करना portray; depict; sketch. Using only a few descriptive phrases, Austen *delineates* the character of Mr. Collins so well that we can predict his every move. *delineation*, **N**.

delirium **N** प्रलाप mental disorder marked by confusion. In his *delirium*, the drunkard saw pink panthers and talking pigs. Perhaps he wasn't *delirious*: he might just have wandered into a movie.

delude **V** भुलाना deceive. His mistress may have *deluded* herself into believing that he would leave his wife and marry her.

deluge **N** बाढ़ flood; rush. When we advertised the position, we received a *deluge* of applications.

delusion **N** माया false belief; hallucination. Don suffers from *delusions* of grandeur: he thinks he's a worldfamous author when he's published just one paperback book.

delve **V** गड़ढा dig; investigate. *Delving* into old books and manuscripts is part of a researcher's job.

demagogue **N** दुर्जनो का नेता person who appeals to people's prejudice; false leader of people. He was accused of being a *demagogue* because he made promises that aroused futile hopes in his listeners.

demean **V** नीचा दिखाना degrade; humiliate. Standing on his dignity, he refused to *demean* himself by replying to the offensive letter. If you truly believed in the dignity of labor, you would not think it would *demean* you to work as a janitor.

demeanor **N** आचरण behavior; bearing. His sober *demeanor* quieted the noisy revelers.

demented **ADJ** पागल insane. Doctor Demento was a lunatic radio personality who liked to act as if he were truly *demented*. If you're *demented*, your mental state is out of whack; in other words, you're wacky.

demise **N** मृत्यु death. Upon the *demise* of the dictator, a bitter dispute about succession to power developed.

demolition **N** विध्वंस destruction. One of the major aims of the air force was the complete *demolition* of all means of transportation by bombing of rail lines and terminals. *demolish*, **V**.

demoniac **ADJ** आसुरी fiendish. The Spanish Inquisition devised many *demoniac* means of torture. *demon*, **N**.

demur **V** आपत्ति object (because of doubts, scruples); hesitate. When offered a post on the board of directors, David *demurred*: he had scruples about taking on the job because he was unsure he could handle it in addition to his other responsibilities.

demure **ADJ** संकोची grave; serious; coy. She was *demure* and reserved, a nice modest girl whom any young man would be proud to take home to his mother.

demystify **V** रहस्यमय नहीं रखना clarify; free from mystery or obscurity. Helpful doctors *demystify* medical procedures by describing **them** in everyday language, explaining that a myringotomy, for example, is an operation involving making a small hole in one's eardrum.

denigrate **V** बदनाम करना blacken. All attempts to *denigrate* the character of our late president have failed; the people still love him and cherish his memory.

denizen **N** निवासी inhabitant or resident; regular visitor. In *The Untouchables*, Eliot Ness fights Al Capone and the other *denizens* of Chicago's underworld. Ness's fight against corruption was the talk of all the *denizens* of the local bars.

denotation **N** हिदायत meaning; distinguishing by name. A dictionary will always give us the *denotation* of a word; frequently, it will also give us the connotations. *denote*, **V**.

denouement **N** उपसंहार outcome; final development of the plot of a play. The play was childish written; the *denouement* was obvious to sophisticated theatergoers as early as the middle of the first act.

denounce **V** आरोप लगा देना condemn; criticize. The reform candidate *denounced* the corrupt city officers for having betrayed the public's trust. *denunciation*, **N**.

depict **V** चित्रित करना portray. In this sensational exposé, the author *depicts* Beatle John Lennon as a drug-crazed neurotic. Do you question the accuracy of this *depiction* of Lennon?

deplete v व्यय करना reduce; exhaust. We must wait until we *deplete* our present inventory before we order replacements.

deplore v खेद प्रकट करना regret; disapprove of. Although I *deplore* the vulgarity of your language, I defend your right to express yourself freely.

deploy v तैनात spread out [troops] in an extended though shallow battle line. The general ordered the battalion to *deploy* in order to meet the enemy offensive.

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depose v निकाल देना dethrone; remove from office. The army attempted to *depose* the king and set up a military government.

deposition n निक्षेप testimony under oath. He made his *deposition* in the judge's chamber.

depravity n भ्रष्टता extreme corruption; wickedness. The *depravity* of Caligula's behavior came to sicken even those who had willingly participated in his earlier, comparatively innocent orgies.

deprecate विनती करना express disapproval of; protest against; belittle. A firm believer in old-fashioned courtesy, Miss Post *deprecated* the modern tendency to address new acquaintances by their first names. *deprecatory*, ADJ.

depreciate v मूल्य कम करना lessen in value. If you neglect this property, it will depreciate.

depredation n लूट-पाट plundering. After the *depredations* of the invaders, the people were penniless.

deranged ADJ विक्षिप्त insane. He had to be institutionalized because he was mentally *deranged*.

derelict ADJ त्याग किया हुआ abandoned; negligent. The derelict craft was a menace to navigation. Whoever abandoned it in the middle of the harbor was derelict in living up to his responsibilities as a boat owner. also N.

deride v उपहास करना ridicule; make fun of. The critics *derided* his pretentious dialogue and refused to consider his play seriously. *derision*, N.

derivative ADJ यौगिक unoriginal; derived from another source. Although her early poetry was clearly *derivative* in nature, the critics thought she had promise and eventually would find her own voice.

dermatologist n त्वचा विशेषज्ञ one who studies the skin and its diseases. I advise you to consult a *dermatologist* about your acne.

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derogatory ADJ अपमानजनक expressing a low opinion. I resent your *derogatory* remarks.

descant v टीका करना discuss fully. He was willing to *descant* upon any topic of conversation, even when he knew very little about the subject under discussion. also N.

descry v पता लगा लेना catch sight of. In the distance, we could barely *descry* the enemy vessels.

desecrate v अपवित्र करना profane; violate the sanctity of. Shattering the altar and trampling the holy objects underfoot, the invaders *desecrated* the sanctuary.

desiccate v सूखना dry up. A tour of this smokehouse will give you an idea of how the pioneers used to desiccate food in order to preserve it.

desolate ADJ उजाड़ unpopulated. After six months in the crowded, bustling metropolis, David was so sick of people that he was ready to head for the most *desolate* patch of wilderness he could find.

desolate v उजाड़ rob of joy; lay waste to; forsake. The bandits *desolated* the countryside, burning farms and carrying off the harvest.

despise v घृणा look on with scorn; regard as worthless or distasteful. Mr. Bond, I *despise* spies; I look down on them as mean, *despicable*, honorless men, whom I would wipe from the face of the earth with as little concern as I would scrape dog droppings from the bottom of my shoe.

despoil v डाका डालना plunder. If you do not yield, I am afraid the enemy will *despoil* the countryside.

despondent हताश depressed; gloomy. To the dismay of his parents, William became seriously *despondent* after he broke up with Jan; they despaired of finding a cure for his gloom. *despondency*, N.

despot n तानाशाह tyrant; harsh, authoritarian ruler. How could a benevolent king turn overnight into a *despot*?

destitute ADJ निराश्रित extremely poor. Because they had no health insurance, the father's costly illness left the family *destitute*.

desultory ADJ असंबद्ध aimless; haphazard; digressing at random. In prison Malcolm X set himself the task of reading straight through the dictionary; to him, reading was purposeful, not *desultory*.

detached ADJ जुदा जुदा emotionally removed; calm and objective; physically unconnected. A psychoanalyst must maintain a *detached* point of view and stay uninvolved with his or her patients' personal lives. To a

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child growing up in an apartment or a row house, to live in a *detached* house was an unattainable dream.

detergent N पोंछनेवाला cleansing agent. Many new *detergents* have *replaced* soap.

determination N चित्त की दृढ़ता resolve; *measurement* or calculation; decision. Nothing could shake his *determination* that his children would get the best education that money could buy. Thanks to my pocket calculator, my *determination* of the answer to the problem took only seconds of my time.

deterrent N निवारक something that discourages; hindrance. Does the threat of capital punishment serve as a *deterrent* to potential killers? *deter*, v.

detonation N विस्फोट explosion. The *detonation* of the bomb could be heard miles away.

detraction N कलंक slandering; aspersion. He is offended by your frequent *detractions* of his ability as a leader.

detrimental ADJ हानिकारक harmful; damaging. The candidate's acceptance of major financial contributions from a wellknown racist ultimately proved *detrimental* to his campaign, for he lost the backing of many of his early grassroots supporters. *detriment*, N.

deviate V हटना turn away from (a principle, norm); depart; diverge. Richard never *deviated* from his daily routine: every day he set off for work at eight o'clock, had his sack lunch (peanut butter on whole wheat) at 12:15, and headed home at the stroke of five.

devious ADJ चालाक roundabout; erratic; not straightforward. The Joker's plan was so *devious* that it was only with great difficulty we could follow its shifts and dodges.

devise V चिंतन करना think up; invent; plan. How clever he must be to have *devised* such a devious plan! What ingenious inventions might he have *devised* if he had turned his mind to science and not to crime.

devoid ADJ रहित lacking. You may think her mind is a total void, but she's actually not *devoid* of intelligence. She just sounds like an airhead.

devotee N भक्त enthusiastic follower. A *devotee* of the opera, he bought season tickets every year.

devout ADJ धार्मिक pious. The devout man prayed daily.

dexterous ADJ निपुण skillful. The magician was so *dexterous* that we could not follow him as he performed his tricks.

diabolical ADJ पैशाचिक devilish. "What a fiend I am, to devise such a *diabolical* scheme to destroy Gotham City," chortled the Joker gleefully.

diagnosis N निदान art of identifying a disease; analysis of a condition. In medical school Margaret developed her skill at *diagnosis*, learning how to read volumes from a rapid pulse or a hacking cough. *diagnose*, v.; *diagnostic*, ADJ.

discomfit V गड़बड़ करना put to rout; defeat; disconcert. This ruse will *discomfit* the enemy. *discomfiture*, N. *discomfited*, ADJ.

discomposure N उद्वेग agitation; loss of poise. Perpetually poised, Agent 007 never exhibited a moment's *discomposure*.

disconcert V घबराना confuse; upset; embarrass. The lawyer was *disconcerted* by the evidence produced by her adversary.

disconsolate ADJ निराश sad. The death of his wife left him *disconsolate*.

discord N कलह conflict; lack of harmony. Watching Tweedledum battle Tweedledee, Alice wondered what had caused this pointless *discord*.

discordant ADJ बेताल not harmonious; conflicting. Nothing is quite so *discordant* as the sound of a junior high school orchestra tuning up.

discount V छूट disregard; dismiss. Be prepared to *discount* what he has to say about his ex-wife.

discourse प्रवचन formal discussion; conversation. The young Plato was drawn to the Agora to hear the philosophical *discourse* of Socrates and his followers. also *v*.

discredit *v* बदनाम करना defame; destroy confidence in; disbelieve. The campaign was highly negative in tone; each candidate tried to *discredit* the other.

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discrepancy *n* विसंगति lack of consistency; difference. The police noticed some discrepancies in his description of the crime and did not believe him.

discrete *ADJ* अलग separate; unconnected. The universe is composed of discrete bodies.

discretion *n* विवेक prudence; ability to adjust actions to circumstances. Use your *discretion* in this matter and do not discuss it with anyone. *discreet*, *ADJ*.

discriminating *ADJ* विशेषक able to see differences; prejudiced. A superb interpreter of Picasso, she was sufficiently *discriminating* to judge the most complex works of modern art. (secondary meaning) discrimination, *n*.

discursive *ADJ* असंबद्ध digressing; rambling. As the lecturer wandered from topic to topic, we wondered what if any point there was to his discursive remarks.

disdain *v* तिरस्कार view with scorn or contempt. In the film *Funny Face*, the bookish heroine *disdained* fashion models for their lack of intellectual interests. also *n*.

disembark *v* उतरना go ashore; unload cargo from a ship. Before the passengers could *disembark*, they had to pick up their passports from the ship's purser.

disenfranchise *v* नागरिकता से वंचित करना deprive of a civil right. The imposition of the poll tax effectively *disenfranchised* poor Southern blacks, who lost their right to vote.

disengage *v* छुड़ाना uncouple; separate; disconnect. A standard movie routine involves the hero's desperate attempt to *disengage* a railroad car from a moving train.

disfigure *v* सौंदर्य नष्ट करना mar in beauty; spoil. An ugly frown *disfigured* his normally pleasant face.

disgorge *v* उगलना surrender something; eject; vomit. Unwilling to *disgorge* the cash he had stolen from the pension fund, the embezzler tried to run away.

disgruntle *v* खफ़ा make discontented. The passengers were *disgruntled* by the numerous delays.

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dishearten *v* उत्साह भंग करना discourage; cause to lose courage or hope. His failure to pass the bar exam *disheartened* him.

disheveled *ADJ* बिखेरा हुआ untidy. Your *disheveled* appearance will hurt your chances in this interview.

disinclination *n* अनिच्छा unwillingness. Some mornings I feel a **great** *disinclination* to get out of bed

disingenuous *ADJ* कपटी lacking genuine candor; insincere. Now that we know the mayor and his wife are engaged in a bitter divorce fight, we find their earlier remarks regretting their lack of time together remarkably *disingenuous*.

disinter *v* खोदकर निकालना dig up; unearth. They *disinterred* the body and held an autopsy.

disinterested *ADJ* उदासीन unprejudiced. Given the judge's political ambitions and the lawyers' financial interest in the case, the only *disinterested* person in the courtroom may have been the court reporter.

disjointed *ADJ* असंबद्ध disconnected. His remarks were so *disjointed* that we could not follow his reasoning.

dislodge *v* जगह देना remove (forcibly). Thrusting her fist up under the choking man's lower ribs, Margaret used the Heimlich maneuver to *dislodge* the food caught in his throat.

dismantle *v* विघटित take apart. When the show closed, they *dismantled* the scenery before storing it.

dismay *v* बेचैनी discourage; frighten. The huge amount of work she had left to do *dismayed* her. also *n*.

dismember *v* खंड-खंड करना cut into small parts. When the Austrian Empire was *dismembered*, several new countries were established.

dismiss *v* खारिज put away from consideration; reject. Believing in John's love for her, she *dismissed* the notion that he might be unfaithful. (secondary meaning)

disparage *v* उपेक्षा करना belittle. A doting mother, Emma was more likely to praise her son's crude attempts at art than to *disparage* them.

disparate *ADJ* मुक्तलिङ्ग basically different; unrelated. Unfortunately, Tony and Tina have *disparate*
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notions of marriage: Tony sees it as a carefree extended love affair, while Tina sees it as a solemn commitment to build a family and a home.

disparity *N* असमानता difference; condition of inequality. Their *disparity* in rank made no difference at all to the prince and Cinderella.

dispassionate *ADJ* आवेगहीन calm; impartial. Known in the company for his cool judgment, Bill could impartially examine the causes of a problem, giving a *dispassionate* analysis of **what** had gone wrong, and go on to suggest how to correct the mess.

dispatch *N* प्रेषण speediness; prompt execution; message sent with all due speed. Young Napoleon defeated the enemy with all possible *dispatch*; he then sent a *dispatch* to headquarters informing his commander of the great victory. also *v*.

dispel *v* दूर हो जाना scatter; drive away; cause to vanish. The bright sunlight eventually *dispelled* the morning mist.

disperse *v* फैलाने scatter. The police fired tear gas into the crowd to *disperse* the protesters. dispersion, *N*.

dispirited *ADJ* मायूस lacking in spirit. The coach used all the tricks at his command to buoy up the enthusiasm of his team, which had become *dispirited* at the loss of the star player.

disputatious *ADJ* बेलगाम argumentative; fond of arguing. Convinced he knew more than his lawyers, Alan was a *disputatious* client, ready to argue about the best way to conduct the case. disputant, *N*.

disquiet *v* बेचैनी make uneasy or anxious. Holmes's absence for a day, slightly *disquieted* Watson; after a week with no word, however, Watson's uneasiness about his missing friend had grown into a deep fear for his safety. disquietude, *N*.

dissection *N* विच्छेदन analysis; cutting apart in order to examine. The *dissection* of frogs in the laboratory is particularly unpleasant to some students.

dissemble *v* स्वांग रचना disguise; pretend. Even though John tried to *dissemble* his motive for taking modern dance, we all knew he was there not to dance but to meet girls.

disseminate *v* प्रसारित करना distribute; spread; scatter (like seeds). By their use of the Internet, propagandists have been able to *disseminate* their pet doctrines to new audiences around the globe.

dissent *v* मतभेद disagree. In the recent Supreme Court decision, Justice O'Connor *dissented* from the majority opinion. also *N*.

dissertation *N* निबंध formal essay. In order to earn a graduate degree from many of our universities, a candidate is frequently required to prepare a *dissertation* on some scholarly subject.

dissident *ADJ* मतभेद करनेवाला dissenting; rebellious. In the purge that followed the student demonstrations at Tiananmen Square, the government hunted down the *dissident* students and their supporters. also *N*.

dissimulate *v* छल-कपट करना pretend; conceal by feigning. She tried to *dissimulate* her grief by her exuberant attitude.

dissipate *v* नष्ट करना squander; waste; scatter. He is a fine artist, but I fear he may *dissipate* his gifts if he keeps wasting his time playing games.

dissolute *ADJ* स्वच्छंद loose in morals. The *dissolute* life led by the ancient Romans is indeed shocking.

dissolution *N* विघटन breaking of a union; decay; termination. Which caused King Lear more suffering: the *dissolution* of his kingdom into warring factions, or the *dissolution* of his aged, failing body?

dissonance *N* मतभेद discord. Composer Charles Ives often used *dissonance-clashing* or unresolved chords-for special effects in his musical works.

dissuade *v* विरत करना persuade not to do; discourage. Since Tom could not *dissuade* Huck from running away from home, he decided to run away with him. dissuasion, *N*.

distant *ADJ* विरत करना reserved or aloof; cold in manner. His *distant* greeting made me feel unwelcome from the start. (secondary meaning)

distend *v* तान देना expand; swell out. I can tell when he is under stress by the way the veins *distend* on his forehead.

distill *v* टपकना extract the essence; purify; refine. A moonshiner *distills* mash into whiskey; an epigrammatist *distills* thoughts into quips.

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distinction *N* भेद honor; contrast; discrimination. A holder of the Medal of Honor, George served with great *distinction* in World War II. He made a *distinction*, however, between World War II and Vietnam, which he considered an immoral conflict.

distort *V* बिगाड़ना twist out of shape. It is difficult to believe the newspaper accounts of the riots because of the way some reporters *distort* and exaggerate the actual events. distortion, *N*.

distraught *ADJ* व्याकुल upset; distracted by anxiety. The *distraught* parents frantically searched the ravine for their lost child.

diurnal *प्रतिदिन* daily. A farmer cannot neglect his *diurnal* tasks at any time; cows, for example, must be milked regularly.

diva *N* देवी operatic singer; prima donna. Although world famous as a *diva*, she did not indulge in fits of temperament. ...

diverge *V* हट जाना vary; go in different directions from the same point. The spokes of the wheel *diverge* from the hub.

divergent *ADJ* विभिन्न differing; deviating. Since graduating from medical school, the two doctors have taken *divergent* paths, one going on to become a nationally prominent surgeon, the other dedicating himself to a small family practice in his home town. divergence, *N*.

diverse *ADJ* विविध differing in some characteristics; various. The professor suggested diverse ways of approaching the assignment and recommended that we choose one of them. diversity, *N*.

diversion *N* परिवर्तन act of turning aside; pastime. After studying for several hours, he needed a *diversion* from work. divert, *V*.

diversity *N* विविधता variety; dissimilitude. The *diversity* of colleges in this country indicates that many levels of ability are being cared for.

divest *V* ले लेना strip; deprive. He was *divested* of his power to act and could no longer govern. divestiture, *N*.

divine *V* दिव्य perceive intuitively; foresee the future. Nothing infuriated Tom more than Aunt Polly's ability to *divine* when he was telling the truth.

divulge *V* प्रकाशित करना reveal. No lover of gossip, Charlotte would never *divulge* anything that a friend told her in confidence.

docile *ADJ* विनम्र obedient; easily managed. As docile as he seems today, that old lion was once a ferocious, snarling beast. docility, *N*.

doctrinaire *ADJ* पांडित्याभिमानी unable to compromise about points of doctrine; dogmatic; unyielding. Weng had hoped that the student-led democracy movement might bring about change in China, but the repressive response of the *doctrinaire* hard-liners crushed his dreams of democracy.

doctrine *N* सिद्धांत teachings, in general; particular principle (religious, legal, etc.) taught. He was so committed to the *doctrines* of his faith that he was unable to evaluate them impartially.

document *V* दस्तावेज़ provide written evidence. She kept all the receipts from her business trip in order to *document* her expenses for the firm. also *N*.

doff *V* उतारना /take off. A gentleman used to *doff* his hat to a lady.

dogged *ADJ* हठी determined; stubborn. *Les Miserables* tells of Inspector Javert's long, *dogged* pursuit of the criminal Jean Valjean.

doggerel *N* खोटा poor verse. Although we find occasional snatches of genuine poetry in her work, most of her writing is mere *doggerel*.

dogmatic *ADJ* कट्टर opinionated; arbitrary; doctrinal. We tried to discourage Doug from being so *dogmatic*, but never could convince him that his opinions might be wrong.

doldrums *N* उदासी blues; listlessness; slack period. Once the excitement of meeting her deadline was over, she found herself in the *doldrums*.

doleful *ADJ* मातमी sorrowful. He found the *doleful* lamentations of the bereaved family emotionally disturbing and he left as quickly as he could.

dolt *N* मूर्ख stupid person. I thought I was talking to a mature audience; instead, I find myself addressing a **pack** of *dolts* and idiots. 41 Barron's SAT I Basic Word List

domicile *N* अधिवास home. Although his legal *domicile* was in New York City, his work kept him away from his residence for many years. also *v*.

domineer *v* अत्याचार करना rule over tyrannically. Students prefer teachers who guide, not ones who *domineer*.

don *v* स्पेन देश की एक उपाधि put on. When Clark Kent has to *don* his Superman outfit, he changes clothes in a convenient phone booth.

doodle *v* कामचोर scribble or draw aimlessly; waste time. Art's teachers scolded him when he *doodled* all over the margins of his papers.

dormant *ADJ.* निष्क्रिय sleeping; lethargic; latent. At fifty her long *dormant* ambition to write flared up once more; within a year she had completed the first of her great historical novels.

dormer *N* सोने का कमरा window projecting from roof. In remodeling the attic into a bedroom, we decided that we needed to put in *dormers* to provide sufficient ventilation for the new room.

dossier *N* फ़ाइल file of documents on a subject. Ordered by J. Edgar Hoover to investigate the senator, the FBI compiled a complete dossier on him.

dote *v* स्नेह में डूबना be excessively fond of; show signs of mental decline. Not only grandmothers bore you with stories about their brilliant grandchildren; grandfathers *dote* on the little rascals, too. Poor old Alf clearly *doted*; the senile old *dotard* was past it; in fact, he was in his *dotage*.

douse *v* पानी में गोता लगाना plunge into water; drench; extinguish. They doused each other with hoses and water balloons.

dowdy *ADJ.* बेमज़ा slovenly; untidy. She tried to change her *dowdy* image by buying a new fashionable wardrobe.

downcast *ADJ.* खिन्न disheartened; sad. Cheerful and optimistic by nature, Beth was never *downcast* despite the difficulties she faced.

drab *ADJ.* एकाकार dull; lacking color; cheerless. The Dutch woman's *drab* winter coat contrasted with the distinctive, colorful native costume she wore beneath it.

draconian *ADJ.* कठोर extremely severe. When the principal canceled the senior prom because some seniors had been late to school that week, we thought the *draconian* punishment was far too harsh for such a minor violation of the rules.

dregs *N* तलछट sediment; worthless residue. David poured the wine carefully to avoid stirring up the *dregs*.

drivel *N* बेहूदा बात nonsense; foolishness. Why do I have to spend my days listening to such idiotic *drivel*? *Drivel* is related to *dribble*: think of a dribbling, *driving* idiot.

droll *ADJ.* हंसी उड़ाना queer and amusing. He was a popular guest because his *droll* anecdotes were always entertaining.

drone *N* नर मधुमक्खी idle person; male bee. Content to let his wife support him, the would-be writer was in reality nothing but a *drone*.

drone *v* नर मधुमक्खी talk dully; buzz or murmur like a bee. On a gorgeous day, who wants to be stuck in a classroom listening to the teacher *drone*?

dross *N* कीट waste matter; worthless impurities. Many methods have been devised to separate the valuable metal from the *dross*.

drudgery *N* कठिन परिश्रम menial work. Cinderella's fairy godmother rescued her from a life of *drudgery*.

dubious *ADJ.* संदिग्ध questionable; filled with doubt. Many critics of SAT I contend the test is of *dubious* worth. Jay claimed he could get a perfect 1600 on SAT I, but Ellen was *dubious*: she knew he hadn't cracked a book in three years.

ductile *ADJ.* नमनीय malleable; flexible; pliable. Copper is an extremely *ductile* material: you can stretch it into the thinnest of wires, bend it, even wind it into loops.

dulcet *ADJ.* आनंदकर sweet sounding. The *dulcet* sounds of the birds at dawn were soon drowned out by the roar of traffic passing our motel.

dumbfound *v* हक्का-बक्का करना astonish. Egbert's perfect 1600 on his SAT I exam *dumbfounded* his classmates, who had always found him to be perfectly dumb.

dupe *N.* भोला-भाला someone easily fooled. While the gullible Watson often was made a dupe by unscrupulous parties, Sherlock Holmes was far more difficult to fool. also *v.*

duplicit *N.* कपट double-dealing; hypocrisy. When Tanya learned that Mark had been two-timing her, she was furious at his duplicity.

Word List 16 duration-encroachment

duration *N.* अवधि length of time something lasts. Because she wanted the children to make a good impression on the dinner guests, Mother promised them a treat if they'd behave for the *duration* of the meal.

duress *N.* अवरोध forcible restraint, especially unlawfully. The hostages were held under duress until the prisoners' demands were met.

dutiful *ADJ.* कर्तव्य परायण respectful; obedient. When Mother told Billy to kiss Great-Aunt Hattie, the boy obediently gave the old woman a dutiful peck on her cheek.

dwarf *V.* बौना आदमी cause to seem small. The giant redwoods and high cliffs *dwarfed* the elegant Ahwahnee Hotel, making it appear a modest lodge rather than an imposing hostelry.

dwindle *V.* सूखना shrink; reduce. The food in the life boat gradually *dwindled* away to nothing; in the end, they ate the ship's cook.

dynamic *ADJ.* गतिशील energetic; vigorously active. The dynamic aerobics instructor kept her students on the run; she was a little *dynamo*.

earthy *ADJ.* मिट्टी की unrefined; coarse. His *earthy* remarks often embarrassed the women in his audience.

ebb *V.* अवनति recede; lessen. Sitting on the beach, Mrs. Dalloway watched the tide *ebb*: the waters receded, drawing away from her as she sat there all alone. also *N.*

ebullient *ADJ.* उबलनेवाला showing excitement; overflowing with enthusiasm. Amy's *ebullient* nature could not be repressed; she was always bubbling over with excitement. ebullience, *N.*

eccentric *ADJ.* विलक्षण irregular; odd; whimsical; bizarre. The comet veered dangerously close to the earth in its *eccentric* orbit. People came up with some *eccentric* ideas for dealing with the emergency: someone even suggested tying a knot in the comet's tail!

eccentricity *N.* सनक oddity; idiosyncrasy. Some of his friends tried to account for his rudeness to strangers as the *eccentricity* of genius.

ecclesiastic *ADJ.* पादरी pertaining to the church. The minister donned his *ecclesiastic* garb and walked to the pulpit. also *N.*

eclectic *ADJ.* उदार composed of elements drawn from disparate sources. His style of interior decoration was *eclectic*: bits and pieces of furnishings from widely divergent periods, strikingly juxtaposed to create a unique decor. eclecticism, *N.*

eclipse *V.* ग्रहण darken; extinguish; surpass. The new stock market high *eclipsed* the previous record set in 1995.

ecologist *N.* परिस्थितिविज्ञानशास्त्री a person concerned with the interrelationship between living organisms and their environment. The *ecologist* was concerned that the new dam would upset the natural balance of the creatures living in Glen Canyon.

economy *N.* अर्थव्यवस्था efficiency or conciseness in using something. Reading the epigrams of Pope, I admire the economy of his verse: in few words he conveys worlds of meaning. (secondary meaning)

ecstasy *N.* परमानंद rapture; joy; any overpowering emotion. When Allison received her longhoped-for letter of acceptance from Harvard, she was in *ecstasy*. ecstatic, *ADJ.*

eddy *N.* लहराना swirling current of water, air, etc. The water in the tide pool was still, except for an occasional

eddy.

edict *N.* अध्यादेश decree (especially issued by a sovereign); official command. The emperor issued an *edict* decreeing that everyone should come see him model his magnificent new clothes.

edify *V.* उपदेश देना instruct; correct morally. Although his purpose was to *edify* and not to entertain his audience, many of his listeners were amused rather than enlightened.

eerie ADJ भयानक weird. In that *eerie* setting, it was easy to believe in ghosts and other supernatural beings.

efface V मिटाना rub out. The coin had been handled so many times that its date had been *effaced*.

effectual ADJ क्रियाशील able to produce a desired effect; valid. Medical researchers are concerned because of the development of drug-resistant strains of bacteria; many once useful antibiotics are no longer effectual in curing bacterial infections.

effervescence N बुदबुदाहट inner excitement or exuberance; bubbling from fermentation or carbonation. Nothing depressed Sue for long; her natural *effervescence* soon reasserted itself. Soda that loses its *effervescence* goes flat. *effervescent*, ADJ. *effervesce*, V.

efficacy N प्रभावोत्पादकता power to produce desired effect. The efficacy of this drug depends on the regularity of the dosage. *efficacious*, ADJ.

effigy N पुतला dummy. The mob showed its irritation by hanging the judge in *effigy*.

effrontery N गुस्ताखी shameless boldness. She had the effrontery to insult the guest.

effusive ADJ असंयत pouring forth; gushing. Her *effusive* manner of greeting her friends finally began to irritate them. *effusion*, N.

egoism N अहंभाव excessive interest in one's self; belief that one should be interested in one's self rather than in others. His egoism prevented him from seeing the needs of his colleagues.

egotistical ADJ घमंडी excessively self-centered; self-important; conceited. Typical egotistical remark: "But enough of this chit-chat about you and your little problems. Let's talk about what's really important: *Me!*"

egregious ADJ प्रबल notorious; conspicuously bad or shocking. She was an egregious liar; we all knew better than to believe a word she said. Ed's housekeeping was egregious: he let his dirty dishes pile up so long that they were stuck together with last week's food.

egress N निकास exit. Barnum's sign "To the *Egress*" fooled many people who thought they were going to see an animal and instead found themselves in the street.

ejaculation N फटना exclamation. He could not repress an *ejaculation* of surprise when he heard the news.

elaboration N विस्तार addition of details; intricacy. Tell what happened simply, without any *elaboration*. *elaborate*, V.

elated ADJ उत्तेजित overjoyed; in high spirits. Grinning from ear to ear, Bonnie Blair was clearly *elated* by her fifth Olympic gold medal. *elation*, N.

elegy N शोकगीत poem or song expressing lamentation. On the death of Edward King, Milton composed the *elegy* "Lycidas." *elegiacal*, ADJ.

elicit V प्रकाश में लाना draw out by discussion. The detectives tried to elicit where he had hidden his loot.

elixir N अमृत cure-all; something invigorating. The news of her chance to go abroad acted on her like an elixir.

ellipsis N अंडाकार omission of words from a text. Sometimes an ellipsis can lead to a dangling modifier, as in the sentence "Once dressed, you should refrigerate the potato salad."

elliptical ADJ दीर्घ वृत्ताकार oval; ambiguous, either purposely or because key words have been left out. An elliptical billiard ball wobbles because it is not perfectly round; an elliptical remark baffles because it is not perfectly clear.

eloquence N वाग्मिता expressiveness; persuasive speech. The crowds were stirred by Martin Luther King's *eloquence*. *eloquent*, ADJ.

elucidate V स्पष्ट करना explain; enlighten. He was called upon to *elucidate* the disputed points in his article.

elusive ADJ मायावी evasive; baffling; hard to grasp. Trying to pin down exactly when the contractors would be finished remodeling the house, Nancy was frustrated by their *elusive* replies. *elude*, V.

emaciated ADJ क्षीण thin and wasted. His long period of starvation had left him *emaciated*.

emanate V निर्गत होना issue forth. A strong odor of sulphur *emanated* from the spring.

emancipate V स्वतंत्र करना set free. At first, the attempts of the Abolitionists to *emancipate* the slaves were

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unpopular in New England as well as in the South.

embargo *N* घाटबंधी *ban on commerce or other activity. As a result of the embargo, trade with the colonies was at a standstill.*

embark *V* चढ़ना, शुरू करना *commence; go on board a boat or airplane; begin a journey. In devoting herself to the study of gorillas, Dian Fossey embarked on a course of action that was to cost her her life.*

embed *V* अंतःस्थापित *enclose; place in something. Tales of actual historical figures like King Alfred have become embedded in legends.*

embellish *V* सँवारना *adorn; ornament. The costume designer embellished the leading lady's ball gown with yards and yards of ribbon and lace.*

embezzlement *N* ग़बन *stealing. The bank teller confessed his embezzlement of the funds.*

embody *V* अवतार लेना *personify; make concrete; incorporate. Cheering on his rival Mark McGwire's efforts to break Roger Maris's home run record, Sammy Sosa embodied the spirit of true sportsmanship.*

embrace *V* आलिंगन *hug; adopt or espouse; accept readily; encircle; include. Claspng Maid Marian in his arms, Robin Hood embraced her lovingly. In joining the outlaws in Sherwood Forest, she had openly embraced their cause.*

embroider *V* कारचोबी बनाना *decorate with needlework; ornament with fancy or fictitious details. For her mother's birthday, Beth embroidered a lovely design on a handkerchief. When asked what made her late getting home, Jo embroidered her account with tales of runaway horses and rescuing people from a ditch. embroidery, N.*

embroil *V* घपला *throw into confusion; involve in strife; entangle. He became embroiled in the heated discussion when he tried to arbitrate the dispute.*

embryonic *ADJ* भ्रूण *undeveloped; rudimentary. The evil of class and race hatred must be eliminated while it is still in an embryonic state; otherwise, it may grow to dangerous proportions. emend V. correct; correct by a critic. The critic emended the book by selecting the passages which he thought most appropriate to the text.*

emendation *N* संशोधन *correction of errors; improvement. Please initial all the emendations you have made in this contract.*

eminent *ADJ* प्रख्यात *high; lofty. After his appointment to this eminent position, he seldom had time for his former friends.*

emissary *N* दूत *agent; messenger. The secretary of state was sent as the president's special emissary to the conference on disarmament.*

emollient *कम करनेवाला soothing or softening remedy. The nurse applied an emollient to the inflamed area. also ADJ.*

empathy *N* सहानुभूति *ability to identify with another's feelings, ideas, etc. What made Ann such a fine counselor was her empathy, her ability to put herself in her client's place and feel his emotions as if they were her own. empathize, V.*

empirical *ADJ* प्रयोगसिद्ध *based on experience. He distrusted hunches and intuitive flashes; he placed his reliance entirely on empirical data.*

emulate *अनुकरण करना imitate; rival. In a brief essay, describe a person you admire, someone whose virtues you would like to emulate.*

enamored *ADJ* आसक्त *in love. Narcissus became enamored of his own beauty.*

encipher *V* सांकेतिक शब्दों में बदलना *encode; convert a message into code. One of Bond's first lessons was how to encipher the messages he sent to Miss Money Penny so that none of his other lady friends could decipher them.*

enclave *N* विदेशी अन्तःक्षेत्र *territory enclosed within an alien land. The Vatican is an independent enclave in Italy.*

encomium *N* गुणगान *high praise; eulogy. Uneasy with the encomiums expressed by his supporters, Tolkien felt unworthy of such high praise.*

encompass *V* धरना *surround. Although we were encompassed by enemy forces, we were cheerful for we were well stocked and could withstand a siege until our allies joined us.*

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encroachment *N* अतिक्रमण *gradual intrusion. The encroachment of the factories upon the neighborhood lowered the value of the real estate.*

Word List 17 **encumber-etymology**

encumber v उलझाना burden. Some people *encumber* themselves with too much luggage when they take short trips.

endearment n लाड़ प्यार fond statement. Your gifts and *endearments* cannot make me forget your earlier insolence.

endemic ADJ स्थानिक prevailing among a specific group of people or in a specific area or country. This disease is *endemic* in this part of the world; more than 80 percent of the population are at one time or another affected by it.

endorse vv समर्थन approve; support. Everyone waited to see which one of the rival candidates for the city council the mayor would *endorse*. (secondary meaning) endorsement, n.

enduring ADJ चिरस्थायी lasting; surviving. Keats believed in the *enduring* power of great art, which would outlast its creators' brief lives.

energize v उत्साहित invigorate; make forceful and active. Rather than exhausting Maggie, dancing *energized* her.

enervate v कमजोर weaken. She was slow to recover from her illness; even a short walk to the window would *enervate* her.

enfranchise v मताधिकार देना to admit to the rights of citizenship (especially the right to vote). Although Blacks were *enfranchised* shortly after the Civil War, women did not receive the right to vote until 1920.

engage v संलग्न attract; hire; pledge oneself; confront. "Your case has *engaged* my interest, my lord," said Holmes. "You may *engage* my services."

engaging ADJ मनोहन charming; attractive. Everyone liked Nancy's pleasant manners and *engaging* personality.

engender v पैदा करना cause; produce. To receive praise for real accomplishments *engenders* self-confidence in a child.

engross v तल्लीन occupy fully. John was so *engrossed* in his studies that he did not hear his mother call.

enhance v बढ़ाने increase; improve. You can *enhance* your chances of being admitted to the college of your choice by learning to write well; an excellent essay can *enhance* any application.

enigma n पहेली puzzle; mystery. "What do women want?" asked Dr. Sigmund Freud. Their behavior was an *enigma* to him.

enigmatic रहस्यपूर्ण obscure; puzzling. Many have sought to fathom the enigmatic smile of the *Mona Lisa*.

enmity n शत्रुता ill will; hatred. At Camp David, President Carter labored to bring an end to the *enmity* that prevented the peaceful coexistence of Egypt and Israel.

ennui n विरक्ति boredom. The monotonous routine of hospital life induced a feeling of *ennui* that made him moody and irritable.

enormity n दुष्टता hugeness (in a bad sense). He did not realize the *enormity* of his crime until he saw what suffering he had caused.

enrapture v प्रफुल्ल करना please intensely. The audience was *enraptured* by the freshness of the voices and the excellent orchestration.

ensconce v विराजमान settle comfortably. Now that their children were *ensconced* safely in the private school, the jet-setting parents decided to leave for Europe.

ensemble n कलाकारों की टुकड़ी group of (supporting) players; organic unity; costume. As a dancer with the Oakland Ballet, Benjamin enjoyed being part of the *ensemble*. Having acted with one another for well over a decade, the cast members have developed a true sense of ensemble: They work together seamlessly. Mitzi wore a charming two-piece *ensemble* designed by Donna Karan.

entail v आवश्यक require; necessitate; involve. Building a collegelevel vocabulary will entail some work on your part.

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enterprising ADJ उद्यमी full of initiative. By coming up with fresh ways to market the company's products, Mike proved himself to be an *enterprising* businessman.

enthrall v गुलाम बनाना capture; enslave. From the moment he saw her picture, he was *enthralled* by her beauty.

entice v लुभाने lure; attract; tempt. She always tried to *entice* her baby brother into mischief.

entitlement n पात्रता right to claim something; right to benefits. While Bill was *entitled* to use a company car while he worked for the firm, the company's lawyers questioned his *entitlement* to the vehicle once he'd quit his job.

entity n सत्ता real being. As soon as the Charter was adopted, the United Nations became an entity and had to be considered as a factor in world diplomacy.

entomology n कीटविज्ञान study of insects. Kent found *entomology* the most annoying part of his biology course; studying insects bugged him.

entourage n घेरा group of attendants; retinue. Surrounded by the members of his *entourage*, the mayor hurried into city hall, shouting a brusque "No comment!" to the reporters lining the steps.

entrance v प्रवेश put under a spell; carry away with emotion. Shafts of sunlight on a wall could *entrance* her and leave her spellbound.

entreat v विनती करना plead; ask earnestly. She *entreated* her father to let her stay out till midnight.

entrepreneur n व्यवसायी businessman; contractor. Opponents of our present tax program argue that it discourages *entrepreneurs* from trying new fields of business activity.

enumerate v एक एक करके बताना list; mention one by one. Huck hung his head in shame as Miss Watson *enumerated* his many flaws.

enunciate v उच्चारित करना speak distinctly. Stop mumbling! How will people understand you if you do not *enunciate*?

eon n कल्प long period of time; an age. It has taken *eons* for our civilization to develop.

ephemeral अल्पकालिक short-lived; fleeting. The mayfly is an *ephemeral* creature: its adult life lasts little more than a day.

epic n महाकाव्य long heroic poem, or similar work of art. Kurosawa's film *Seven Samurai* is an epic portraying the struggle of seven warriors to destroy a band of robbers. also **ADJ.**

epicure n रसिया connoisseur of food and drink. Epicures frequent this restaurant because it features exotic wines and dishes. *epicurean*, **ADJ.**

epigram n चुटकुला witty thought or saying, usually short. Poor Richard's epigrams made Benjamin Franklin famous.

epilogue n उपसंहार short speech at conclusion of dramatic work. The audience was so disappointed in the play that many did not remain to hear the epilogue.

episodic प्रासंगिक loosely connected; divided into incidents. Though he tried to follow the plot of Gravity's *Rainbow*, John found the novel too episodic; he enjoyed individual passages, but had trouble following the work as a whole.

epistolary **ADJ** पत्रकाव्यगत consisting of letters. Mark Harris's *Wake Up, Stupid!* is a modern epistolary novel that uses letters, telegrams, and newspaper clippings to tell the hero's story. The movie *You've Got Mail* tells a story using e-mail; does that make it an e-pistolary movie? *epistle*, **n.**

epitaph n समाधि-लेख inscription in memory of a dead person. In his will, he dictated the epitaph he wanted placed on his tombstone.

epithet n विशेषण word or phrase characteristically used to describe a person or thing. So many kings of France were named Charles that you could tell them apart only by their epithets: Charles the Wise was someone far different from Charles the Fat.

epitome n प्रतीक perfect example or embodiment. Singing "I am the very model of a modern Major-General," in *The Pirates of Penzance*, Major-General Stanley proclaimed himself the epitome of an officer and a gentleman.

epoch n युग period of time. The glacial epoch lasted for thousands of years.

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equable **ADJ** हमवार tranquil; steady; uniform. After the hot summers and cold winters of New England, he found the climate of the West Indies equable and pleasant.

equanimity समभाव calmness of temperament; composure. Even the inevitable strains of caring for an ailing mother did not disturb Bea's *equanimity*.

equestrian **N** घुड़सवार rider on horseback. These paths in the park are reserved for equestrians and their steeds.
also **ADJ**.

equilibrium **N** संतुलन balance. After the divorce, he needed some time to regain his *equilibrium*.

equine **ADJ** /似马的/ resembling a horse. His long, bony face had an *equine* look to it.

equinox **N** विषुव period of equal days and nights; the beginning of Spring and Autumn. The vernal *equinox* is usually marked by heavy rainstorms.

equitable **ADJ** न्यायसंगत fair; impartial. I am seeking an *equitable* solution to this dispute, one that will be fair and acceptable to both sides.

equity **N** न्यायपरस्ता fairness; justice. Our courts guarantee *equity* to all.

equivocal **ADJ** गोलमोल ambiguous; intentionally misleading. Rejecting the candidate's equivocal comments on tax reform, the reporters pressed him to state clearly where he stood on the issue.
equivocate, **v**.

equivocate **v** गोलमोल बात कहना lie; mislead; attempt to conceal the truth. The audience saw through his attempts to equivocate on the subject under discussion and ridiculed his remarks.

erode **v** खत्म eat away. The limestone was eroded by the dripping water until only a thin shell remained.
erosion, **N**.

erotic **ADJ** कामुक pertaining to passionate love. The erotic passages in this novel should be removed as they are merely pornographic.

erratic **ADJ** अनियमित odd; unpredictable. Investors become anxious when the stock market appears erratic.

erroneous **ADJ** गलत mistaken; wrong. I thought my answer was correct, but it was erroneous.

erudite **ADJ** वैज्ञानिक learned; scholarly. Though his fellow students thought him erudite, Paul knew he would have to spend many years in serious study before he could consider himself a scholar.

escapade **N** हरकत prank; flighty conduct. The headmaster could not regard this latest escapade as a boyish joke and expelled the young man.

escapism **N** पलायनवाद avoiding reality by diverting oneself with amusements. Before you criticize her constant reading as mere escapism, note how greatly her vocabulary has improved since she began spending her days buried in books.

eschew **v** त्याग करना avoid. Hoping to present himself to his girlfriend as a totally reformed character, he tried to eschew all the vices, especially chewing tobacco and drinking bathtub gin.

esoteric **ADJ** गुप्त hard to understand; known only to the chosen few. The New Yorker short stories often include esoteric allusions to obscure people and events: the implication is, if you are in the in-crowd, you'll get the reference; if you come from Cleveland, you won't.

espionage **N** जासूसी Spying. In order to maintain its power, the government developed a system of espionage that penetrated every household.

espouse **v** सहायता देना adopt; support. She was always ready to espouse a worthy cause.

esteem **v** आदर respect; value. Jill esteemed Jack's taste in music, but she deplored his taste in clothes.

estranged **ADJ** पराया separated; alienated. The estranged wife sought a divorce. *estrangement*, **N**.

ethereal **ADJ** ईथर का light; heavenly; unusually refined. In Shakespeare's *The Tempest*, the spirit Ariel is an ethereal creature, too airy and unearthly for our mortal world.

ethnic **ADJ** संजाति विषयक relating to races. Intolerance between *ethnic* groups is deplorable and usually is based on lack of information.

ethos **N** प्रकृति underlying character of a culture, group, etc. Seeing how tenderly ordinary Spaniards treated her small daughter made author Barbara Kingsolver aware of how greatly

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children were valued in the Spanish *ethos*.

etymology **N** शब्द-साधन study of word parts. A knowledge of etymology can help you on many English tests: if you know what the roots and prefixes mean, you can determine the meanings of unfamiliar words.

Word List 18 eulogy-faculty

eulogy *N* प्रशंसा भाषण expression of praise, often on the occasion of someone's death. Instead of delivering a spoken eulogy at Genny's memorial service, Jeff sang a song he had written in her honor.

euphemism *N* व्यंजना mild expression in place of an unpleasant one. The expression "he passed away" is a euphemism for "he died."

euphonious *ADJ* श्रुतिमधुर pleasing in sound. *Euphonious* even when spoken, the Italian language is particularly pleasing to the ear when sung. euphony. *N*.

euphoria *N* उत्साह feeling of great happiness and well-being (sometimes exaggerated).

Delighted with her SAT scores, sure that the university would accept her, Allison was filled with euphoria. euphoric, *ADJ*.

evanescent *ADJ* क्षणभंगुर fleeting; vanishing. Brandon's satisfaction in his new job was evanescent, for he immediately began to notice its many drawbacks. evanescence, *N*.

evasive *ADJ* कपटपूर्ण not frank; eluding. Your evasive answers convinced the judge that you were withholding important evidence. evade, *V*.

evenhanded *ADJ* यहां तक कि हाथ impartial; fair. Do men and women receive *evenhanded* treatment from their teachers, or, as recent studies suggest, do teachers pay more attention to male students than to females?

evince *V* जताना show clearly. When he tried to answer the questions, he *evinced* his ignorance of the subject matter.

evocative *ADJ* विचारोत्तेजक tending to call up (emotions, memories). Scent can be remarkably evocative: the aroma of pipe tobacco *evokes* the memory of my father; a whiff of talcum powder calls up images of my daughter as a child.

ewe *N* भेड़ female sheep. The flock of sheep was made up of dozens of ewes, together with only a handful of rams.

exacerbate *V* खराब करना worsen; embitter. The latest bombing *exacerbated* England's already existing bitterness against the IRA, causing the prime minister to break off the peace talks abruptly.

exacting *ADJ* मांग करनेवाला extremely demanding. Cleaning the ceiling of the Sistine Chapel was an exacting task, one that demanded extremely meticulous care on the part of the restorers. exacting, *N*.

exalt *V* प्रशंसा करना raise in rank or dignity; praise. The actor Alec Guinness was *exalted* to the rank of knighthood by the queen.

exasperate *V* चिढ़ाना vex. Johnny often exasperates his mother with his pranks.

exceptionable *ADJ* एतराज़ करनेवाला objectionable. Do you find the punk rock band Green Day a highly *exceptionable*, thoroughly distasteful group, or do you think they are exceptionally talented performers?

excerpt *N* अंश selected passage (written or musical). The cinematic equivalent of an *excerpt* from a novel is a clip from a film. also *V*.

excise *V* उत्पाद शुल्क cut away; cut out. When you *excise* the dead and dying limbs of a tree, you not only improve its appearance but also enhance its chances of bearing fruit. excision. *N*.

exclaim *V* चिल्लाना cry out suddenly. "Watson! Behind you!" Holmes exclaimed, seeing the assassin hurl himself on his friend.

excoriate *V* रगड़ डालना scold with biting harshness; strip the skin off. Seeing the holes in Bill's new pants, his mother furiously *excoriated* him for ruining his good clothes. The tight, starched collar chafed and *excoriated* his neck, rubbing it raw.

exculpate *V* सफाई देना clear from blame. He was *exculpated* of the crime when the real criminal confessed.

execrable *ADJ* घिनौना very bad. The anecdote was in such execrable taste that it revolted the audience.

execute *V* निष्पादित put into effect; carry out. The choreographer wanted to see how well she could execute

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a pirouette. (secondary meaning) execution, *N*.

exegesis *N* टीका explanation; interpretation, especially of a biblical text. The minister based her sermon on her exegesis of a difficult passage from the book of Job. exegetical, *ADJ*.

exemplary *ADJ* अनुकरणीय serving as a model; outstanding. At commencement the dean praised Ellen for her exemplary behavior as class president.

exemplify *V* उदाहरण देना serve as an example of; embody. For a generation of balletgoers, Rudolf Nureyev *exemplified* the ideal of masculine grace.

exempt *ADJ* मुक्त not subject to a duty, obligation. Because of his flat feet, Foster was exempt from serving in the armed forces. also *v*.

exertion *N* तनाव effort; expenditure of much physical work. The exertion spent in unscrewing the rusty bolt left her exhausted.

exhaustive *ADJ* संपूर्ण thorough; comprehensive. We have made an *exhaustive* study of all published SAT tests and are happy to share our research with you.

exhilarating *ADJ* प्राणपोषक invigorating and refreshing; cheering. Though some of the hikers found tramping through the snow tiring, Jeffrey found the walk on the cold, crisp day exhilarating.

exhort *V* समझाना urge. The evangelist *exhorted* all the sinners in his audience to reform. *exhortation*, *N*.

exhume *V* पृथ्वी खोद कर निकालना dig out of the ground; remove from the grave. Could evidence that might identify the serial killer have been buried with his victim? To answer this question, the police asked the authorities for permission to *exhume* the victim's body.

exigency *N* ज़रूरत urgent situation. In this *exigency*, we must look for aid from our allies.

exodus *N* एकस्रोत departure. The exodus from the hot and stuffy city was particularly noticeable on Friday evenings.

exonerate *V* हक़ बहाल करना acquit; exculpate. The defense team feverishly sought fresh evidence that might *exonerate* their client.

exorbitant *ADJ* अत्यधिक excessive. The people grumbled at his *exorbitant* prices but paid them because he had a monopoly.

exorcise *V* जादू देना drive out evil spirits. By incantation and prayer, the medicine man sought to *exorcise* the evil spirits which had taken possession of the young warrior.

exotic *ADJ* विदेशी not native; strange. Because of his *exotic* headdress, he was followed in the streets by small children who laughed at his strange appearance.

expansive *ADJ* प्रशस्त outgoing and sociable; broad and extensive; able to increase in size. Mr. Fezziwig was in an *expansive* humor, cheerfully urging his guests to join in the Christmas feast. Looking down on his *expansive* paunch, he sighed: if his belly *expanded* any further, he'd need an *expansive* waistline for his pants.

expatriate *N* प्रवासी exile; someone who has withdrawn from his native land. Henry James was an American expatriate who settled in England.

expedient *ADJ* उपाय suitable; practical; politic. A pragmatic politician, he was guided by what was *expedient* rather than by what was ethical. *expediency*, *N*.

expedite *V* शीघ्र hasten. Because we are on a tight schedule, we hope you will be able to *expedite* the delivery of our order. The more *expeditious* your response is, the happier we'll be.

expenditure *Nv* व्यय payment or expense; output. When you are operating on an expense account, you must keep receipts for all your *expenditures*. If you don't save your receipts, you won't get repaid without the *expenditure* of a lot of energy arguing with the firm's accountants.

expertise *N* विशेषज्ञता specialized knowledge; expert skill. Although she was knowledgeable in a number of fields, she was hired for her particular expertise in computer programming.

expiate *V* निवृत्त करना make amends for (a sin). He tried to expiate his crimes by a full confession to the authorities.

expletive *N* दुर्वचन interjection; profane oath. The sergeant's remarks were filled with expletives that offended the new recruits.

explicate *V* समझाना explain; interpret; clarify. Harry Levin *explicated* James Joyce's often bewildering novels

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with such clarity that even *Finnegan's Wake* seemed comprehensible to his students.

explicit *ADJ* मुखर totally clear; definite; outspoken. Don't just hint around that you're dissatisfied: be explicit about what's bugging you.

exploit *N* शोषण, अनुचित लाभ उठाना deed or action, particularly a brave deed. Raoul Wallenberg was noted for his exploits in rescuing Jews from Hitler's forces.

exploit *V* शोषण, अनुचित लाभ उठाना make use of, sometimes unjustly. Cesar Chavez fought attempts to exploit migrant farmworkers in California. *exploitation*, *N*. *exploitative*, *ADJ*.

expository *ADJ* अर्थप्रकाशक explanatory; serving to explain. The manual that came with my VCR was no masterpiece of expository prose: its explanations were so garbled that I couldn't even figure out how to rewind a tape. *exposition, N.*

exposure *N* अनावरण risk, particularly of being exposed to disease or to the elements; unmasking; act of laying something **open**. Exposure to sun and wind had dried out her hair and weathered her face. She looked so changed that she no longer feared exposure as the notorious Irene Adler, onetime antagonist of Sherlock Holmes.

expropriate *V* ज़ब्त करना take possession of. He questioned the government's right to expropriate his land to create a wildlife preserve.

expunge *V* मिटाना cancel; remove. If you behave, I will *expunge* this notation from your record.

expurgate *V* छाँटना clean; remove offensive parts of a book. The editors felt that certain passages in the book had to be *expurgated* before it could be used in the classroom.

extant *ADJ* वर्तमान still in existence. Although the book is out of print, some copies are still *extant*. Unfortunately, all of them are in libraries or private collections; none are for sale.

extent *N* सीमा degree; magnitude; scope. What is the *extent* of the patient's injuries? If they are not too *extensive*, we can treat him on an outpatient basis.

extenuate *V* धीमा करना weaken; mitigate. It is easier for us to extenuate our own shortcomings than those of others.

extol *V* प्रशंसा करना praise; glorify. The president extolled the astronauts, calling them the pioneers of the Space Age.

extort *V* धमकी देकर माँगना wring from; get money by threats, etc. The blackmailer *extorted* money from his victim.

extradition *N* प्रत्यर्पण surrender of prisoner by one state to another. The lawyers opposed the *extradition* of their client on the grounds that for more than five years he had been a model citizen.

extraneous *ADJ* बाहरी not essential; superfluous. No wonder Ted can't think straight! His mind is so cluttered up with *extraneous* trivia, he can't concentrate on the essentials.

extrapolation *N* बाह्य गणन projection; conjecture. Based on their *extrapolation* from the results of the primaries on Super Tuesday, the networks predicted that Bob Dole would be the Republican candidate for the presidency. *extrapolate, V.*

extricate *V* हल करना free; disentangle. Icebreakers were needed to *extricate* the trapped whales from the icy floes that closed them in.

extrinsic *ADJ* अजनबी external; not essential; extraneous. A critically acclaimed *extrinsic feature* of the Chrysler Building is its ornate spire. The judge would not admit the testimony, ruling that it was *extrinsic* to the matter at hand.

extrovert *N* बहिर्मुखी person interested mostly in external objects and actions. A good salesman is usually an extrovert, who likes to mingle with people.

extrude *V* बाहर निकालना force or push out. Much pressure is required to *extrude* these plastics.

exuberance *N* अधिकता overflowing abundance; joyful enthusiasm; flamboyance; lavishness. I was bowled over by the *exuberance* of Amy's welcome. What an enthusiastic greeting!

exude *V* पसीजना discharge; give forth. We get maple syrup from the sap that exudes from the trees in early spring. *exudation, N.*

exult *V* मग्न होना rejoice. We exulted when our team won the victory.

fabricate *V* निर्माण build; lie. If we fabricate the buildings in this project out of standardized sections,

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we can reduce construction costs considerably. Because of Jack's tendency to fabricate, Jill had trouble believing a word he said.

facade *N.* मुखौटा front (of building); superficial or false appearance. The ornate facade of the church was often photographed by tourists, who never bothered to walk around the building to view its other sides. Susan seemed super-confident, but that was just a facade she put on to hide her insecurity.

facet *N* पहलू small plane surface (of a gem); a side. The stonecutter decided to improve the rough diamond by providing it with several facets.

facetious *ADJ* हासकर joking (often inappropriately); humorous. I'm serious about this project; I don't need any facetious, smartalecky cracks about do-gooder little rich girls.

facile **ADJ** सुगम easily accomplished; ready or fluent; superficial. Words came easily to Jonathan: he was a facile speaker and prided himself on being ready to make a speech at a moment's notice.

facilitate **V** सुविधाजनक बनाना help bring about; make less difficult. Rest and proper nourishment should facilitate the patient's recovery.

facsimile **N** प्रतिकृति COPY. Many museums sell facsimiles of the works of art on display.

faction **N** गुटparty; clique; dissension. The quarrels and bickering of the two small factions within the club disturbed the majority of the members.

faculty **N** संकाय mental or bodily powers; teaching staff. As he grew old, Professor Twiggly feared he might lose his faculties and become unfit to teach. However, he had tenure: whether or not he was in full possession of his faculties, the school couldn't kick him off the faculty.

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fallacious **ADJ** गलत false; misleading. Paradoxically, fallacious reasoning does not always yield erroneous results: even though your logic may be faulty, the answer you get may nevertheless be correct. fallacy, **N**.

fallible **ADJ** अविश्वसनीय liable to err. I know I am fallible, but I feel confident that I am right this time.

fallow **ADJ** परती plowed but not sowed; uncultivated. Farmers have learned that it is advisable to permit land to lie fallow every few years.

falter **V** लड़खड़ाना hesitate. When told to dive off the high board, she did not falter, but proceeded at once.

fanaticism **N** अंधाधुंधता excessive zeal; extreme devotion to a belief or cause. When Islamic fundamentalists demanded the death of Salman Rushdie because his novel questioned their faith, world opinion condemned them for their fanaticism.

fancy **N** कल्पना notion; whim; inclination. Martin took a fancy to paint his toenails purple. Assuming he would outgrow such fanciful behavior, his parents ignored his fancy feet. also **ADJ**.

fanfare **N** धूमधाम call by bugles or trumpets. The exposition was opened with a fanfare of trumpets and the firing of cannon.

farce **N** स्वांग broad comedy; mockery. Nothing went right; the entire interview degenerated into a farce. farcical, **ADJ**.

fastidious **ADJ** दुराराध्य difficult to please; squeamish. Bobby was such a fastidious eater that he would eat a sandwich only if his mother first cut off every scrap of crust.

fatalism **N** भाग्यवाद belief that events are determined by forces beyond one's control. With fatalism, he accepted the hardships that beset him. fatalistic, **ADJ**.

fathom **V** थाह लेना comprehend; investigate. I find his motives impossible to fathom; in fact, I'm totally clueless about what goes on in his mind.

fatuous **ADJ** बुद्धिहीन foolish; inane. He is far too intelligent to utter such fatuous remarks.

fauna **N** पशुवर्ग animals of a period or region. The scientist could visualize the fauna of the period by examining the skeletal remains and the fossils.

fawning **ADJ** चापलूस courting favor by cringing and flattering. She was constantly surrounded by a group of

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fawning admirers who hoped to win some favor. fawn, **V**.

faze **V** हतोत्साह करना disconcert; dismay. No crisis could faze the resourceful hotel manager.

feasible **ADJ** संभव practical. Is it feasible to build a new stadium for the Yankees on New York's West Side? Without additional funding, the project is clearly unrealistic.

fecundity **N** उपजाऊपन fertility; fruitfulness. The fecundity of his mind is illustrated by the many vivid images in his poems.

feign **V** बहाना करना pretend. Lady Macbeth feigned illness although she was actually healthy.

feint **N** भुलावा trick; shift; sham blow. The boxer was fooled by his opponent's feint and dropped his guard. also **V**.

felicitous **ADJ** परम सुखी apt; suitably expressed; well chosen. He was famous for his felicitous remarks and was called upon to serve as master-of-ceremonies at many a banquet. felicity, **N**.

felicity *N.* आनंद happiness; appropriateness (of a remark, choice, etc.). She wrote a note to the newlyweds wishing them great felicity in their wedded life.

fell *ADJ.* गिर गया cruel; deadly. The newspapers told of the tragic spread of the fell disease.

fell *V.* गिर गया cut or knock down; bring down (with a missile). Crying "Timber!" Paul Bunyan felled the mighty redwood tree. Robin Hood loosed his arrow and felled the king's deer.

felon *N.* अपराधी person convicted of a grave crime. A convicted felon loses the right to vote.

feral *ADJ.* जंगली not domestic; wild. Abandoned by their owners, dogs may revert to their feral state, roaming the woods in packs.

ferment *N.* विक्षोभ agitation; commotion. With the breakup of the Soviet Union, much of Eastern Europe was in a state of ferment.

ferret *V.* भगाना drive or hunt out of hiding. She ferreted out their secret.

fervent *ADJ.* उत्कट ardent; hot. She felt that the fervent praise was excessive and somewhat undeserved.

fervid *ADJ.* प्रचंड ardent. Her fervid enthusiasm inspired all of us to undertake the dangerous mission.

fervor *N.* जोश glowing ardor; intensity of feeling. At the protest rally, the students cheered the strikers and booed the dean with equal fervor.

fester *V.* गलना rankle; produce irritation or resentment. Joe's insult festered in Anne's mind for days, and made her too angry to speak to him.

festive *ADJ.* उत्सव joyous; celebratory. Their wedding in the park was a festive occasion.

fetid *ADJ.* दुर्गन्धि-युक्त malodorous. The neglected wound became fetid.

fetter *V.* बेड़ी shackle. The prisoner was fettered to the wall.

fiasco *N.* असफलता total failure. Our ambitious venture ended in a fiasco and we were forced to flee.

fickle *ADJ.* चंचल changeable; faithless. As soon as Romeo saw Juliet, he forgot all about his old girlfriend Rosaline. Was Romeo *fickle*?

fictitious *ADJ.* काल्पनिक imaginary. Although this book purports to be a biography of George Washington, many of the incidents are fictitious.

fidelity *N.* सत्य के प्रति निष्ठा loyalty. A dog's fidelity to its owner is one of the reasons why that animal is a favourite household pet.

figment *N.* मनगढ़ंत invention; imaginary thing. That incident never took place; it is a *figment* of your imagination.

figurative *ADJ.* आलंकारिक not literal, but metaphorical; using a figure of speech. "To lose one's marbles" is a figurative expression; if you're told that Jack has lost his marbles, no one expects you to rush out to buy him a replacement set.

figurine *N.* मूर्ति small ornamental statuette. In The *Maltese Falcon*, Sam Spade was hired to trace the missing *figurine* of a black bird.

filament *N.* रेशा fine thread or fiber; threadlike structure within a light bulb. A ray of sunlight

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illuminated the *filaments* of the spider web, turning the web into a net of gold.

filch *V.* मूसना steal. The boys *filched* apples from the fruit stand.

filial *ADJ.* सहायक pertaining to a son or daughter. Many children forget their filial obligations and disregard the wishes of their parents.

filibuster *V.* जलडाकू to block legislation by making long speeches. Even though we disapproved of Senator Foghorn's political goals, we were impressed by his ability to *filibuster* endlessly to keep an issue from coming to a vote.

finale *N.* अन्त conclusion. It is not until we reach the finale of this play that we can understand the author's message.

finesse *N.* चालाकी delicate skill. The finesse and adroitness with which the surgeon wielded her scalpel impressed all the observers in the operating room.

finicky *ADJ.* नकचढ़ा too particular; fussy. The little girl was finicky about her food, leaving over anything that wasn't to her taste.

firebrand *N* तेजतर्रार hothead: troublemaker. The police tried to keep track of all the local *firebrands* when the President came to town.

fissure *N* दरार crevice. The mountain climbers secured **footholds** in tiny fissures in the rock.

fitful *ADJ* चंचल spasmodic; intermittent. After several *fitful* attempts, he decided to postpone the start of the project until he felt more energetic.

flabbergasted *ADJ* हैरत में डाला हुआ astounded; astonished; overcome with surprise. In the film *Flubber*, the hero invents a remarkable substance whose amazing properties leave his coworkers *flabbergasted*. *flabbergast*, *v*.

flaccid *ADJ* झूलता हुआ flabby. His sedentary life had left him with *flaccid* muscles.

flag *v* झंडा droop; grow feeble. When the opposing hockey team scored its third goal only minutes into the first quarter, the home team's spirits *flagged*. *flagging*, *ADJ*.

flagrant *ADJ* खुला conspicuously wicked; blatant; outrageous. The governor's appointment of his brother-in-law to the State Supreme Court was a *flagrant* violation of the state laws against nepotism (favoritism based on kinship).

flair *N* स्वभाव talent. She has an uncanny *flair* for discovering new artists before the public has become aware of their existence.

flamboyant *ADJ* चमकीला ornate. Modern architecture has discarded the *flamboyant* trimming on buildings and emphasizes simplicity of line.

flaunt *v* इठलाना display ostentatiously. Mae West saw nothing wrong with showing off her considerable physical charms, saying, "Honey, if you've got it, flaunt it!"

fleck *v* दारा spot. Her cheeks, *flecked* with tears, were testimony to the hours of weeping.

fledgling *ADJ* अनुभवहीन मनुष्य inexperienced. While it is necessary to provide these *fledgling* poets with an opportunity to present their work, it is not essential that we admire everything they write. also *N*.

fleece *N* मूँड़ना wool coat of a sheep. They shear sheep of their *fleece*, which they then comb into separate strands of wool.

fleece *v* मूँड़ना rob; plunder. The tricksters *fleeced* him of his inheritance.

flick *N* झटका light stroke as with a whip. The horse needed no encouragement; one *flick* of the whip was all the jockey had to apply to get the animal to run at top speed.

flinch *v* बच निकलना hesitate, shrink. He did not *flinch* in the face of danger but fought back bravely.

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flippant *ADJ* क्षुद्र lacking proper seriousness. When Mark told Mona he loved her, she dismissed his earnest declaration with a *flippant* "Oh, you say that to all the girls!" *flippancy*, *N*.

flit *v* उड़ जाना fly; dart lightly; pass swiftly by. Like a bee *flitting* from flower to flower, Rose *flitted* from one boyfriend to the next.

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floe *N* जल पर तैरता हुआ बरफ का टुकड़ा mass of floating ice. The ship made slow progress as it battered its way through the ice *floes*.

flora *N* वनस्पति plants of a region or era. Because she was a botanist, she spent most of her time studying the *flora* of the desert.

florid *ADJ* गहरे रंग का ruddy; reddish; flowery. If you go to Florida and get a sunburn, your complexion will look *florid*.

flounder *v* व्यवसाय का बुरा प्रबंध करना struggle and thrash about; proceed clumsily or falter. Up to his knees in the bog, Floyd *floundered* about, trying to regain his footing. Bewildered by the new software, Flo *floundered* until Jan showed her how to get started.

flourish *v* पनपने grow well; prosper; decorate with ornaments. The orange trees *flourished* in the sun.

flout *v* अवज्ञा reject; mock. The headstrong youth *flouted* all authority; he refused to be curbed.

fluctuate *v* उतार चढ़ाव waver; shift. The water pressure in our shower *fluctuates* wildly; you start rinsing yourself off with a trickle, and, two minutes later, a blast of water nearly knocks you down.

fluency *N* प्रवाह smoothness of speech. He spoke French with *fluency* and ease.

fluke *N* संयोग से पड़नेवाली चोट unlikely occurrence; stroke of fortune. When Douglas defeated Tyson for the heavyweight championship, some sportscasters dismissed his victory as a fluke.

fluster *V* घबड़ाना confuse. The teacher's sudden question flustered him and he stammered his reply.

flux *N* प्रवाह flowing; series of changes. While conditions are in such a state of flux, I do not wish to commit myself too deeply in this affair.

fodder *N* चारा coarse food for cattle, horses, etc. One of Nancy's chores at the ranch was to put fresh supplies of *fodder* in the horses' stalls.

foible *N* चरित्र की दुर्बलता weakness; slight fault. We can overlook the *foibles* of our friends; no one is perfect.

foil *N* /烘托; 衬托/contrast. In Star Wars, dark, evil Darth Vader is a perfect foil for fair-haired, naive Luke Skywalker.

foil *V* पन्नी defeat; frustrate. In the end, Skywalker is able to foil Vader's diabolical schemes.

foliage *N* पत्ते masses of leaves. Every autumn before the leaves fell he promised himself he would drive through New England to admire the colorful fall foliage.

foment *V* भड़काना stir up; instigate. Cheryl's archenemy Heather spread some nasty rumors that *fomented* trouble in the club. Do you think Cheryl's foe meant to *foment* such discord?

foolhardy *ADJ* उजड़ rash. Don't be *foolhardy*. Get the advice of experienced people before undertaking this venture.

fop *N* बांका dandy; man excessively concerned with his clothes. People who dismissed young Mizrahi as a *fop* felt **chagrined** when he turned into one of the top fashion designers of his day. foppish, *ADJ*.

forbearance *N* सहनशीलता patience. We must use *forbearance* in dealing with him because he is still weak from his illness.

ford *N* पायाब place where a river can be crossed on foot. Rather than risk using the shaky rope bridge, David walked a halfmile downstream until he came to the nearest *ford*. also *V*.

forebears *N* पूर्वजों ancestors. Reverence for one's *forebears* (sometimes referred to as ancestor worship) plays an important part in many Oriental cultures.

foreboding *N* भविष्य-ज्ञान premonition of evil. Suspecting no conspiracies against him, Caesar gently ridiculed his wife's *forebodings* about the Ides of March.

forensic *ADJ* न्याय-संबंधी suitable to debate or courts of law. In her best forensic manner, the lawyer addressed the jury. forensics, *N*.

foreshadow *V* पहिले से सूचित करना give an indication beforehand; portend; prefigure. In retrospect, political analysts realized that Yeltsin's defiance of the attempted coup *foreshadowed* his emergence as the dominant figure of the new Russian republic.

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foresight *N* दूरदर्शिता ability to foresee future happenings; prudence. A wise investor, she had the foresight to buy land just before the current real estate boom.

forestall *V* पहिले से ग्रहण करना prevent by taking action in advance. By setting up a prenuptial agreement, the prospective bride and groom hoped to forestall any potential arguments about money in the event of a divorce.

forgo *V* त्यागना give up; do without. Determined to lose weight for the summer, Ida decided to forgo dessert until she could fit into a size eight again.

forlorn *ADJ* अनाथ sad and lonely; wretched. Deserted by her big sisters and her friends, the forlorn child sat sadly on the steps awaiting their return.

formality *N* औपचारिकता ceremonious quality; something done just for form's sake. The president received the visiting heads of state with due formality: flags waving, honor guards standing at attention, anthems sounding at full blast. Signing this petition is a mere formality; it does not obligate you in any way.

formidable *ADJ* दुर्जेय menacing; threatening. We must not treat the battle lightly for we are facing a *formidable* foe.

forsake *V* छोड़े desert; abandon; renounce. No one expected Foster to *forsake* his wife and children and run off with another woman.

forswear *V* शपथपूर्वक त्यागना renounce; abandon. The captured knight could escape death only if he agreed to forswear Christianity and embrace Islam as the one true faith.

forte *N* विशेष योग्यता strong point or special talent. I am not eager to play this rather serious role, for my forte is comedy.

forthright *ADJ* निष्कपट outspoken; straightforward; frank. Never afraid to call a spade a spade, she was perhaps too forthright to be a successful party politician.

fortitude *N* धैर्य bravery; courage. He was awarded the medal for his *fortitude* in the battle.

fortuitous *ADJ* आकस्मिक accidental; by chance. Though he pretended their encounter was fortuitous, he'd actually been hanging around her usual haunts for the past two weeks, hoping she'd turn up.

forum *N* मंच place of assembly to discuss public concerns; meeting for discussion. The film opens with a shot of the ancient Forum in Rome, where several senators are discussing the strange new sect known as Christians. At the end of the movie, its director presided over a forum examining new fashions in filmmaking.

foster *V* पालक rear; encourage. According to the legend, Romulus and Remus were *fostered* by a she-wolf who raised the abandoned infants with her own cubs. also *ADJ*.

founder *V* संस्थापक fail completely; sink. After hitting the submerged iceberg, the Titanic started taking in water rapidly and soon *foundered*.

founder *N* संस्थापक person who establishes (an organization, business). Among those drowned when the *Titanic* sank was the *founder* of the Abraham & Straus department store.

fracas *N* कोलाहल brawl, melee. The military police stopped the fracas in the bar and arrested the belligerents.

fractious *ADJ* झगड़ातू unruly; disobedient; irritable. Bucking and kicking, the fractious horse unseated its rider.

frail *ADJ* अनैतिक weak. The delicate child seemed too frail to lift the heavy carton. frailty, *N*.

franchise *N* मताधिकार right granted by authority; right to vote; business licensed to sell a product in a particular territory. The city issued a *franchise* to the company to operate surface transit lines on the streets for ninety-nine years. For most of American history women lacked the right to vote: not until the early twentieth century was the *franchise* granted to women. Stan owns a Carvel's ice cream *franchise* in Chinatown.

frantic *ADJ* उन्मत्त wild. At the time of the collision, many people became *frantic* with fear.

fraternize *V* भाईचारा करना associate in a friendly way. After the game, the members of the two teams *fraternized* as cheerfully as if they had never been rivals.

fraudulent *ADJ* धोखाधड़ी cheating; deceitful. The government seeks to prevent *fraudulent* and misleading advertising.

fraught *ADJ* भरा हुआ filled. Since this enterprise is *fraught* with danger, I will ask for volunteers who are willing to 56

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assume the risks.

fray *N* दंगा brawl. The three musketeers were in the thick of the *fray*.

frenetic *ADJ* उन्मत्त frenzied; frantic. His *frenetic* activities convinced us that he had no organized plan of operation.

frenzied *ADJ* क्रोधित madly excited. As soon as they smelled smoke, the *frenzied* animals milled about in their cages.

fresco *N* फ्रेस्को painting on plaster (usually fresh). The cathedral is visited by many tourists who wish to admire the *frescoes* by Giotto.

fret *V* झल्लाहट to be annoyed or vexed. To fret over your poor grades is foolish; instead, decide to work harder in the future.

friction *N* टकराव clash in opinion; rubbing against. At this time when harmony is essential, we cannot afford to have any *friction* in our group.

frigid *ADJ* उदासीन intensely cold. Alaska is in the frigid zone.

frivolous *ADJ* तुच्छ lacking in seriousness; self-indulgently carefree; relatively unimportant.

Though Nancy enjoyed Bill's frivolous, lighthearted companionship, she sometimes wondered whether he could ever be serious. frivolity, *N*.

frolicsome *ADJ* खिलाड़ी prankish; gay. The frolicsome puppy tried to lick the face of its master.

frond *N* अपुष्प-पर्ण fern leaf; palm or banana leaf. After the storm the beach was littered with the *fronds* of palm trees.

frugality *N* स्वल्प व्ययिता thrift; economy. In economically hard times, anyone who doesn't learn to practice frugality risks bankruptcy. *frugal*, *ADJ*.

fruition *N* स्वाद bearing of fruit; fulfillment; realization. This building marks the *fruition* of all our aspirations and years of hard work.

frustrate *V* हराना thwart; defeat. We must frustrate this dictator's plan to seize control of the government.

fugitive *ADJ* भगोड़ा fleeting or transitory; roving. The film brought a few fugitive images to her mind, but on the whole it made no lasting impression upon her.

fulcrum *N* आधार support on which a lever rests. If we use this stone as a fulcrum and the crowbar as a lever, we may be able to move this boulder.

fulsome *ADJ* अति disgustingly excessive. His fulsome praise of the dictator revolted his listeners.

fundamental *ADJ* मौलिक basic; primary; essential. The committee discussed all sorts of side issues without ever getting down to addressing the *fundamental* problem.

furlough *N* थोड़े दिन की छुट्टी leave of absence; vacation granted a soldier or civil servant. Dreaming of her loved ones back in the States, the young soldier could hardly wait for her upcoming furlough.

furor *N* उत्तेजना frenzy; great excitement. The story of her embezzlement of the funds created a furor on the Stock Exchange.

furtive *ADJ* चुराया हुआ stealthy; sneaky. Noticing the furtive glance the customer gave the diamond bracelet on the counter, the jeweler wondered whether he had a potential shoplifter on his hands.

fusion *N* विलय union; coalition. The opponents of the political party in power organized a fusion of disgruntled groups and became an important element in the election.

futile *ADJ* व्यर्थ useless; hopeless; ineffectual. It is futile for me to try to get any work done around here while the telephone is ringing every thirty seconds. *futility*, *N*.

gadfly *N* घुड़मक्खी animal-biting fly; an irritating person. Like a gadfly, he irritated all the guests at the hotel; within forty-eight hours, everyone regarded him as an annoying busybody.

gauche *N* चूक social blunder. According to Miss Manners, to call your husband by your lover's name is worse than a mere *gauche*; it is a tactical mistake.

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gainsay *V* विरोध करना She was too honest to *gainsay* the truth of the report.

gait *N* चाल manner of walking or running; speed. The lame man walked with an uneven *gait*.

galaxy *N* आकाशगंगा large, isolated system of stars, such as the Milky Way; any collection of brilliant personalities. Science fiction stories speculate about the possible existence of life in other galaxies. The deaths of such famous actors as John Candy and George Burns tells us that the galaxy of Hollywood superstars is rapidly disappearing.

gale *N* आंधी windstorm; gust of wind; emotional outburst (laughter, tears). The Weather Channel warned viewers about a rising gale, with winds of up to sixty miles per hour.

gall *N* पित्त bitterness; nerve. The knowledge of his failure filled him with gall.

gall *V* कठोरता annoy; chafe. Their taunts *galled* him.

galleon *N* जहाज large sailing ship. The Spaniards pinned their hopes on the *galleon*, the large warship; the British, on the smaller and faster pinnace.

galvanize *V* प्रेरित करना stimulate by shock; stir up; revitalize. News that the prince was almost at their door *galvanized* the ugly stepsisters into a frenzy of combing and primping.

gambit *N* पहला कदम opening in chess in which a piece is sacrificed. The player was afraid to accept his opponent's *gambit* because he feared a trap which as yet he could not see. *gambol* *V* skip; leap playfully. Watching children *gambol*-ing in the park is a pleasant experience. also *N*.

gamely *ADV* वीरता से bravely; with spirit. Because he had fought gamely against a much superior boxer, the crowd gave him a standing ovation when he left the arena.

gamut *N* सरगम entire range. In this performance, the leading lady was able to demonstrate the complete

gamut of her acting ability.

gape *v* जंभाई . open widely; stare open-mouthed. The huge pit gaped before him; if he stumbled, he would fall in. Slackjawed in wonder, Huck gaped at the huge stalactites hanging down from the ceiling of the limestone cavern.

garbled *ADJ* विकृत . mixed up; jumbled; distorted. A favorite party game involves passing a whispered message from one person to another until, by the time it reaches the last player, the message is totally *garbled*.

gargantuan *ADJ*. विशाल huge; enormous. The *gargantuan* wrestler was terrified of mice.

garish *ADJ*. भड़कीला over-bright in color; gaudy. She wore a gaudy rhinestone necklace with an excessively *garish* gold lame dress.

garner *v*. संचित करना gather; store up. She hoped to *garner* the world's literature in one library.

garnish *v*. सजावट decorate. Parsley was used to *garnish* the boiled potato. also *n*.

garrulous *ADJ*. बातूनी loquacious; wordy; talkative. My Uncle Henry can out-talk any three people I know. He is the most garrulous person in Cayuga County. garrulity, *n*.

gauche *ADJ*. भद्दा clumsy; coarse and uncouth. Compared to the sophisticated young ladies in their elegant gowns, tomboyish Jo felt *gauche* and out of place.

gaudy *ADJ* भड़कीला flashy; showy. The newest Trump skyscraper is typically *gaudy*, covered in gilded panels that gleam in the sun.

gaunt *ADJ* कृश lean and angular; barren. His once round face looked surprisingly gaunt after he had lost weight.

gavel *n* भूमि का लगान hammerlike tool; mallet. "Sold!" cried the auctioneer, banging her gavel on the table to indicate she'd accepted the final bid.

gawk *v* मूर्ख stare foolishly; look in open-mouthed awe. The country boy *gawked* at the skyscrapers and neon lights of the big city.

genealogy *n* वंशावली record of descent; lineage. He was proud of his *genealogy* and constantly referred to the achievements of his ancestors.

generality *n* व्यापकता vague statement. This report is filled with *generalities*; be more specific in your statements.

generate *v* उत्पन्न cause; produce; create. In his first days in office, President Clinton managed to generate a new mood of optimism; we just hoped he could generate some new jobs.

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generic *ADJ* सामान्य characteristic of an entire class or species. Sue knew so many computer programmers who spent their spare time playing fantasy games that she began to think that playing Dungeons & Dragons was a generic trait.

genesis *n* उत्पत्ति beginning; origin. Tracing the *genesis* of a family is the theme of *Roots*.

geniality *n* नेकी cheerfulness; kindness; sympathy. This restaurant is famous and popular because of the *geniality* of the proprietor who tries to make everyone happy.

genre *n* शैली particular variety of art or literature. Both a short story writer and a poet, Langston Hughes proved himself equally skilled in either *genre*.

genteel *ADJ* ललित well-bred; elegant. We are looking for a man with a *genteel* appearance who can inspire confidence by his cultivated manner.

gentility *n* उमरा those of gentle birth; refinement. Her family was proud of its *gentility* and elegance.

gentry *n* शरीफ people of standing; class of people just below nobility. The local *gentry* did not welcome the visits of the summer tourists and tried to ignore their presence in the community.

germane *ADJ* सार्थक pertinent; bearing upon the case at hand. The judge refused to allow the testimony to be heard by the jury because it was not *germane* to the case.

germinal *ADJ* जीवाणु-संबंधी pertaining to a germ; creative. Such an idea is *germinal*, I am certain that it will influence thinkers and philosophers for many generations.

germinate *v* अंकुरित होना cause to sprout; sprout. After the seeds *germinate* and develop their permanent leaves, the plants may be removed from the cold frames and transplanted to the garden.

gesticulation *n* हाव-भाव motion; gesture. Operatic performers are trained to make exaggerated gesticulations because of the large auditoriums in which they appear.

ghastly *ADJ* भयंकर horrible. The murdered man was a ghastly sight.

gibberish *N* अस्पष्ट उच्चारण nonsense; babbling. Did you hear that fool boy spouting *gibberish* about monsters from outer space? *gibber*, *v*.

gibe *V* ताना मारा mock. As you gibe at their superstitious beliefs, do you realize that you, too, are guilty of similarly foolish thoughts?

giddy *ADJ* चक्कर light-hearted; dizzy. He felt his *giddy* youth was past.

gingerly *ADV* एहतियाती very carefully. To separate egg whites, first crack the egg gingerly.

girth *N* परिधि distance around something; circumference. It took an extra-large cummerbund to fit around Andrew Carnegie's considerable girth.

gist *N* सार essence. She was asked to give the gist of the essay in two sentences.

glacial *ADJ* बहुत ठंडा like a glacier; extremely cold. Never a warm person, when offended John could seem positively glacial.

glaring *ADJ* स्पष्ट highly conspicuous; harshly bright. Glaring spelling or grammatical errors in your resume will unfavorably impress potential employers.

glaze *V* शीशे का आवरण cover with a thin and shiny surface. The freezing rain glazed the streets and made driving hazardous. also *N*.

glib *ADJ* फिसलनदार fluent; facile; slick. Keeping up a steady patter to entertain his customers, the kitchen gadget salesman was a glib speaker, never at a loss for a word.

glimmer *V* प्रभा shine erratically; twinkle. In the darkness of the cavern, the glowworms hanging from the cavern roof glimmered like distant stars,

gloat *V* घूरना express evil satisfaction; view malevolently. As you gloat over your ill-gotten wealth, do you think of the many victims you have defrauded?

glossary *N* शब्दकोष brief explanation of words used in the text. I have found the glossary in this book very useful; it has eliminated many trips to the dictionary.

gloss over *V* पर चमक explain away. No matter how hard he tried to talk around the issue, President Bush could not gloss over the fact that he had raised taxes after all.

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glossy *ADJ* चमकदार smooth and shining. I want this photograph printed on glossy paper, not matte.

glower *V* तिरछी निगाह से देखना scowl. The angry boy glowered at his father.

glut *V* भरमार overstock; fill to excess. The many manufacturers glutted the market and could not find purchasers for the excess articles they had produced. also *N*.

glutton *N* खाऊ someone who eats too much. When Mother saw that Bobby had eaten all the cookies, she called him a little glutton. *gluttonous*, *ADJ*.

gnarled *ADJ* ऐंठा हुआ twisted. The *gnarled* oak tree had been a landmark for years and was mentioned in several deeds.

gnome *N* सूक्ति dwarf; underground spirit. In medieval mythology, gnomes were the special guardians and inhabitants of subterranean mines.

goad *V* अंकुश urge on. He was *goaded* by his friends until he yielded to their wishes. also *N*.

gorge *N* कण्ठ small, steep-walled canyon. The white-water rafting guide warned us about the rapids farther downstream, where the river cut through a narrow gorge.

gorge *V* कण्ठ stuff oneself. The gluttonous guest gorged himself with food as though he had not eaten for days.

gory *ADJ* रक्तमय bloody. The audience shuddered as they listened to the details of the gory massacre.

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gouge *V* गोलची tear out. In that fight, all the rules were forgotten; the adversaries bit, kicked, and tried to gouge each other's eyes out.

gourmand *N* चटोरा epicure; person who takes excessive pleasure in food and drink. *Gourmands* lack self-restraint; if they enjoy a particular cuisine, they eat far too much of it.

gourmet *N* पेटू connoisseur of food and drink. The gourmet stated that this was the best onion soup she had ever tasted.

graduated **ADJ** स्नातक की उपाधि प्राप्त arranged by degrees (of height, difficulty, etc.). Margaret loved her *graduated* set of Russian hollow wooden dolls; she spent hours happily putting the smaller dolls into their larger counterparts.

graft **N** कलम piece of transplanted tissue; portion of plant inserted in another plant. After the fire, Greg required skin grafts to replace the badly damaged areas on his forearms. also **V**.

grandeur **N** शान impressiveness; stateliness; majesty. No matter how often he hiked through the mountains, David never failed to be struck by the *grandeur* of the Sierra Nevada range.

grandiloquent **ADJ** आडंबरपूर्ण pompous; bombastic; using high-sounding language. The politician could never speak simply; she was always *grandiloquent*.

grandiose **ADJ** दिखावटी *pretentious*; high-flown; ridiculously exaggerated; impressive. The aged matinee idol still had *grandiose* notions of his supposed importance in the theatrical world.

granulate **V** दानेदार बनाना form into grains. Sugar that has been *granulated* dissolves more readily than lump sugar. **granule**, **N**.

graphic **ADJ** चित्रात्मक pertaining to the art of delineating; vividly described. I was particularly impressed

by the *graphic* presentation of the storm.

grapple **V** पकड़ना wrestle; come to grips with. He grappled with the burglar and overpowered him.

grate **V** जाली make a harsh noise; have an unpleasant effect; shred. The screams of the quarreling children *grated* on her nerves.

gratify **V** घूस देना please. Lori's parents were *gratified* by her successful performance on the SAT.

gratis **ADJ** बिना मूल्य का free. The company offered to give one package *gratis* to every purchaser of one of their products. also **ADJ**.

gratuitous **ADJ** अहेतुक given freely; unwarranted; uncalled for. Quit making *gratuitous* comments about my driving; no one asked you for your opinion.

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gravity **N** गुरुत्वाकर्षण seriousness. We could tell we were in serious trouble from the *gravity* of the principal's expression. (secondary meaning) grave, **ADJ**.

gregarious **ADJ** झुण्ड में रहनेवाला sociable. Typically, partygoers are *gregarious*; hermits are not.

grievance **N** शिकायत cause of complaint. When her supervisor ignored her complaint, she took her *grievance* to the union.

grill **V** जाली question severely. In violation of the Miranda law, the police *grilled* the suspect for several hours before reading him his rights. (secondary meaning)

grimace **N** मुंह बनाना a facial distortion to show feeling such as pain, disgust, etc. Even though he remained silent, his *grimace* indicated his displeasure. also **V**.

grisly **ADJ** भयानक ghastly. She shuddered at the *grisly* sight.

grouse **V** गुनगुनानेवाला complain; fuss. Students traditionally *grouse* about the abysmal quality of "mystery meat" and similar dormitory food.

grotesque **ADJ** विचित्र fantastic; comically hideous. On Halloween people enjoy wearing *grotesque* costumes.

grove **N** कुंज group of trees (smaller than a forest); orchard. To the child, the small *grove* of oaks was as vast as Sherwood Forest, in which he played that legendary hero, Robin Hood.

grovel **V** उताने पड़ जाना crawl or creep on ground; remain prostrate. Even though we have been defeated, we do not have to *grovel* before our conquerors.

grudging **ADJ** अनिच्छा से unwilling; reluctant; stingy. We received only *grudging* support from the mayor despite his earlier promises of aid.

gruel **V** मांड़ liquid food made by boiling oatmeal, etc., in milk or water. Our daily allotment of *gruel* made the meal not only monotonous but also unpalatable.

grueling **ADJ** भीषण exhausting. The marathon is a *grueling* race.

gruesome **ADJ** भीषण grisly; horrible. His face was the stuff of nightmares: all the children in the audience screamed when Freddy Kruger's *gruesome* countenance was flashed on the screen.

gruff *ADJ* कर्कश rough-mannered. Although he was blunt and *gruff* with most people, he was always gentle with children.

guffaw *N* खिलखिलाकर हंसना boisterous laughter. The loud *guffaws* that came from the closed room indicated that the members of the committee had not yet settled down to serious business. also *v*.

guile *N* छल deceit; duplicity; wiliness; cunning. Iago uses considerable *guile* to trick Othello into believing that Desdemona has been unfaithful.

guileless *ADJ* निष्कपट without deceit. He is naive, simple, and *guileless*; he cannot be guilty of fraud.

guise *N* भेष appearance; costume. In the *guise* of a plumber, the detective investigated the murder case.

gullible *ADJ* आसानी से धोखा खानेवाला easily deceived. Overly gullible people have only themselves to blame if they fall for con artists repeatedly. As the saying goes, "Fool me once, shame on you. Fool me twice, shame on *me*."

gustatory *ADJ* स्वाद affecting the sense of taste. The Thai restaurant offered an unusual *gustatory* experience for those used to a bland cuisine.

gusto *N* आनंद enjoyment; enthusiasm. He accepted the assignment with such *gusto* that I feel he would have been satisfied with a smaller salary.

gusty *ADJ* वातमय windy. The *gusty* weather made sailing precarious.

hackneyed *ADJ* साधारण commonplace; trite. When the reviewer criticized the movie for its *hackneyed* plot, we agreed; we had seen similar stories hundreds of times before.

haggard *ADJ* जंगली wasted away; gaunt. After his long illness, he was pale and *haggard*.

haggle *V* झंझट करना argue about prices. I prefer to shop in a store that has a one-price policy because, whenever I *haggle* with a shopkeeper, I am never certain that I paid a fair price for the articles I purchased.

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hallowed *ADJ* पवित्र blessed; consecrated. Although the dead girl's parents had never been active churchgoers, they insisted that their daughter be buried in *hallowed* ground.

hallucination *N* माया delusion. I think you were frightened by a *hallucination* you created in your own mind.

halting *ADJ* लंगड़ा hesitant; faltering. Novice extemporaneous speakers often talk in a *halting* fashion as they grope for the right words.

hamper *V* बाधा obstruct. The new mother didn't realize how much the effort of caring for an infant would *hamper* her ability to keep an immaculate house.

haphazard *ADJ* बेतरतीब random; by chance. His *haphazard* reading left him unacquainted with the authors of the books.

harangue *N* भाषण noisy speech. In her lengthy *harangue*, the principal berated the offenders. also *v*.

harass *V* परेशान to annoy by repeated attacks. When he could not pay his bills as quickly as he had promised, he was *harassed* by his creditors.

harbinger *N* अग्र-दूत forerunner. The crocus is an early *harbinger* of spring.

harbor *V* आश्रय देना provide a refuge for; hide. The church *harbored* illegal aliens who were political refugees.

hardy *ADJ* साहसी sturdy; robust; able to stand inclement weather. We asked the gardening expert to recommend particularly *hardy* plants that could withstand our harsh New England winters.

harrowing *ADJ* शोकजनक

agonizing; distressing; traumatic. At first the former prisoner did not wish to discuss his *harrowing* months of captivity as a political hostage.

haughtiness *N* अभिमान pride; arrogance. When she realized that Darcy believed himself too good to dance with his inferiors, Elizabeth took great offense at his *haughtiness*.

hazardous *ADJ* खतरनाक dangerous. Your occupation is too hazardous for insurance companies to consider your application.

hazy *ADJ* धुंधल slightly obscure. In hazy weather, you cannot see the top of this mountain.

headlong *ADJ* सिर के बल hasty; rash. The slave seized the unexpected chance to make a *headlong* dash across the border to freedom.

headstrong *ADJ* हठी stubborn; willful; unyielding. Because she refused to marry the man her parents had chosen for her, everyone scolded Minna and called her a foolish *headstrong* girl.

heckler *प्रश्न पूछने वाला* person who harasses others. The *heckler* kept interrupting the speaker with rude remarks.
heckle, v.

hedonist *N* सुखवादी one who believes that pleasure is the sole aim in life. A thoroughgoing *hedonist*, he considered only his own pleasure and ignored any claims others had on his money or time.

heed *V* सावधान रहना pay attention to; consider. We hope you *heed* our advice and get a good night's sleep before the test. also *N*.

heedless *ADJ* असावधान not noticing; disregarding. He drove on, *heedless* of the danger warnings placed at the side of the road.

heinous *ADJ* जघन्य atrocious; hatefully bad. Hitler's *heinous* crimes will never be forgotten.

herbivorous *ADJ* तृणभक्षी grain-eating. Some *herbivorous* animals have two stomachs for digesting their food.

heresy *N* विधर्म opinion contrary to popular belief; opinion contrary to accepted religion. Galileo's assertion that the earth moved around the sun directly contradicted the religious teachings of his day; as a result, he was tried for heresy. heretic, *N*.

hermetic *ADJ* वायु-रोधी sealed by fusion so as to be airtight. After you sterilize the bandages, place them in a container and seal it with a hermetic seal to protect them from contamination by airborne bacteria.

hermitage *N* आश्रम home of a hermit. Even in his remote hermitage he could not escape completely from the world.

heterodox *ADJ* विधर्मिक unorthodox; unconventional. To those who upheld the belief that the earth did not

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move, Galileo's theory that the earth circled the sun was disturbingly *heterodox*.

heterogeneous *ADJ* विजातीय dissimilar; mixed. This year's entering class is a remarkably *heterogeneous* body: it includes students from forty different states and twenty-six foreign countries, some the children of billionaires, others the offspring of welfare families. heterogeneity, *N*.

heyday *N* उमंग का समय time of greatest success; prime. In their heyday, the San Francisco Forty-Niners won the Super Bowl two years running.

hiatus *N* खाली जगह gap; interruption in duration or continuity; pause. During the summer hiatus, many students try to earn enough money to pay their tuition for the next school year.

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hibernal *ADJ* जाड़ों का wintry. Bears prepare for their long *hibernal* sleep by overeating.

hibernate *V* सीतनिद्रा में होना throughout the winter. Bears are one of the many species of animals that *hibernate*.
hibernation, N.

hierarchy *N* अनुक्रम arrangement by rank or standing; authoritarian body divided into ranks. To be low man on the totem pole is to have an inferior place in the *hierarchy*.

hilarity *N* आनंद boisterous mirth. This hilarity is improper on this solemn day of mourning.

hindrance *N* बाधा block; obstacle. Stalled cars along the highway are a *hindrance* to traffic that tow trucks should remove without delay. hinder, *V*.

histrionic *ADJ* अभिनय-संबंधी theatrical. He was proud of his *histrionic* ability and wanted to play the role of Hamlet, *histrionics, N*.

hoard *V* अभिनय-संबंधी stockpile; accumulate for future use. Whenever there are rumors of a food shortage, many people are tempted to hoard food. also *N*.

hoary *ADJ* सफेद white with age. The man was hoary and wrinkled when he was 70.

hoax *N* छल trick; practical joke. Embarrassed by the hoax, he reddened and left the room. also *V*.

hodgepodge *N* गोलमाल jumble; mixture of ill-suited elements. The reviewer roundly condemned the play as a *hodgepodge* of **random** and purposeless encounters carried out by a cast lacking any uniformity of accent or style.

holster *N* पिस्तौलदान pistol case. Even when he was not in uniform, he carried a holster and pistol under his arm.

homage **N** श्रद्धा honor; tribute. In her speech she tried to pay homage to a great man.

homogeneous **ADJ** सजातीय of the same kind. Because the student body at Elite Prep was so homogeneous, Sara and James decided to send their daughter to a school that offered greater cultural diversity.
homogenize, **V**.

hone **V** सान sharpen. To make shaving easier, he *honed* his razor with great care.

hoodwink **V** आंख में धूल झाँकना deceive; delude. Having been *hoodwinked* once by the fast-talking salesman, he was extremely cautious when he went to purchase a used car.

horde **N** भीड़ crowd. Just before Christmas the stores are filled with *hordes* of shoppers.

horticultural **ADJ** बागवानी pertaining to cultivation of gardens. When he bought his house, he began to look for flowers and decorative shrubs, and began to read books dealing with horticultural matters.

host **N** मेज़बान great number; person entertaining guests; animal or plant from which a parasite gets its nourishment. You must attend to a host of details if you wish to succeed as host of a formal dinner party. Leeches are parasites that cling to their hosts and drink their hosts' blood.

hostility **N** शत्रुता unfriendliness; hatred. A child who has been the sole object of his parents' affection often feels hostility toward a new baby in the family, resenting the newcomer who has taken his place.

hovel **N** झोंपड़ी shack; small, wretched house. He wondered how poor people could stand living in such a hovel.

hover **V** मंडराना hang about; wait nearby. The police helicopter *hovered* above the accident.

hue **N** रंग color; aspect. The aviary contained birds of every possible hue.

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hulking **ADJ** बहुत बड़ा massive; bulky; great in size. Despite his *hulking* build, the heavyweight boxing champion was surprisingly light on his feet. **N**.

humane **ADJ** दयालु marked by kindness or consideration. It is ironic that the *Humane* Society sometimes must show its compassion toward mistreated animals by killing them to put them out of their misery.

humdrum **ADJ** नीरस dull; monotonous. After his years of adventure, he could not settle down to a *humdrum* existence.

humid **ADJ** नम damp. She could not stand the *humid* climate and moved to a drier area.

humility **N** विनम्रता humbleness of spirit. He spoke with a *humility* and lack of pride that impressed his listeners.

hurtle **V** ज़ोर से फैंकना crash; rush. The runaway train *hurtled* toward disaster.

husband **V** पति use sparingly; conserve; save. Marathon runners must *husband* their energy so that they can keep going for the entire distance.

hybrid **N** संकर mongrel; mixed breed. Mendel's formula explains the appearance of *hybrids* and pure species in breeding. also **ADJ**.

hydrophobia **N** जलांतक rabies; fear of water. A dog that bites a human being must be observed for symptoms of *hydrophobia*.

hyperbole **N** अतिशयोक्ति exaggeration; overstatement. As far as I'm concerned, Apple's claims about the new computer are pure *hyperbole*: no machine is that good!

hypercritical **ADJ** छिद्रान्वेषी के ढंग से excessively exacting. You are hypercritical in your demands for perfection; we all make **mistakes**.

hypochondriac **N** रोगभ्रमी person unduly worried about his health; worrier without cause about illness. The doctor prescribed chocolate pills for his patient who was a *hypochondriac*.

hypocritical **ADJ** पाखंडी pretending to be virtuous; deceiving. Believing Eddie to be interested only in his own advancement, Greg resented his *hypocritical* posing as a friend. **N**.

hypothetical **ADJ** काल्पनिक based on assumptions or hypotheses; supposed. Suppose you are accepted by Harvard, Stanford, and Brown. Which one would you choose to attend? Remember, this is only a *hypothetical* situation. **N**.

ichthyology **N** मत्स्यविज्ञान study of fish. Jacques Cousteau's programs about sea life have advanced the cause of ichthyology

icon *N* प्रतिमा religious image; idol. The icons on the walls of the church were painted in the 13th century.

iconoclastic *ADJ* मूर्ति attacking cherished traditions. Deeply iconoclastic, Jean Genet deliberately set out to shock conventional theatergoers with his radical plays.

ideology *N* विचारधारा system of ideas of a group. For people who had grown up believing in the communist ideology, it was hard to adjust to capitalism.

idiom *N* मुहावरा expression whose meaning as a whole differs from the meanings of its individual words; distinctive style. The phrase "to lose one's marbles" is an idiom: if I say that Joe's lost his marbles, I'm not asking you to find some for him. I'm telling you idiomatically that he's crazy.

idiosyncrasy *N* लत individual trait, usually odd in nature; eccentricity. One of Richard Nixon's little idiosyncrasies was his liking for ketchup on cottage cheese. One of Hannibal Lecter's little idiosyncrasies was his liking for human flesh. idiosyncratic, *ADJ*.

idolatry *N* मूर्ति पूजा worship of idols; excessive admiration. Such idolatry of singers of country music is typical of the excessive enthusiasm of youth.

ignite *V* आग लगना kindle; light. When Desi crooned, "Baby, light my fire," literal-minded Lucy looked around for some paper to ignite.

ignoble *ADJ* नीच of lowly origin; unworthy. This plan is inspired by ignoble motives and I must, therefore, oppose it.

ignominy *N* बदनामी deep disgrace; shame or dishonor. To lose the Ping-Pong match to a trained chimpanzee! How could Rollo stand the *ignominy* of his defeat? ignominious, *ADJ*.

illicit *ADJ* अवैध illegal. The defense attorney maintained that his client had never performed any illicit action.

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illimitable *ADJ* रोशन infinite. Man, having explored the far corners of the earth, is now reaching out into *illimitable* space.

illuminate *V* स्पष्ट करना brighten; clear up or make understandable; enlighten. Just as a lamp can illuminate a dark room, a perceptive comment can illuminate a knotty problem.

illusion *N* मोह माया misleading vision. It is easy to create an optical illusion in which lines of equal length appear different.

illusory *ADJ* मोह का deceptive; not real. Unfortunately, the costs of running the lemonade stand were so high that Tom's profits proved illusory.

imbalance *N* असंतुलन lack of balance or symmetry; disproportion. To correct racial *imbalance* in the schools, school boards have bussed black children into white neighborhoods and white children into black ones.

imbibe *V* पी लेना drink in. The dry soil *imbibed* the rain quickly.

Word List 24 **immaculate-incessant**

immaculate *ADJ* निर्मल spotless; flawless; absolutely clean. Ken and Jessica were wonderful tenants and left the apartment in *immaculate* condition when they moved out.

imminent *ADJ* आसन्न near at hand; impending. Rosa was such a last-minute worker that she could never start writing a paper till the deadline was *imminent*.

immobility स्थिरता state of being immovable. Modern armies cannot afford the luxury of *immobility*, as they are vulnerable to attack while standing still.

immune *ADJ* प्रतिरक्षा resistant to; free or exempt from. Fortunately, Florence had contracted chicken pox as a child and was *immune* to it when her baby broke out in spots.

immutable *ADJ* अडिग unchangeable. All things change over time; nothing is immutable.

impair *V* बिगाड़ना injure; hurt. Drinking alcohol can impair your ability to drive safely; if you're going to drink, don't drive.

impale *V* कौंचना Pierce. He was *impaled* by the spear hurled by his adversary.

impalpable *ADJ* अस्पृश्य imperceptible; intangible. The ash is so fine that it is *impalpable* to the touch but it can be seen as a fine layer covering the window ledge.

impart *V* देना reveal or tell; grant. Polly begged Grandma to impart her recipe for rugelach, but her grandmother wouldn't say a word.

impartial ADJ निष्पक्ष not biased; fair. Knowing she could not be impartial about her own child, Jo refused to judge any match in which Billy was competing.

impassable ADJ अगम्य not able to be traveled or crossed. A giant redwood had fallen across the highway, blocking all four lanes: the road was impassable.

impasse N गतिरोध predicament from which there is no escape; deadlock. In this impasse, all turned to prayer as their last hope.

impassive ADJ आवेगहीन without feeling; imperturbable; stoical. Refusing to let the enemy see how deeply shaken he was by his capture, the prisoner kept his face impassive.

impeach V दोषी ठहराना charge with crime in office; indict. The angry congressman wanted to *impeach* the president for his misdeeds.

impeccable ADJ त्रुटिहीन faultless. The uncrowned queen of the fashion industry, Diana was acclaimed for her *impeccable* taste.

impecunious ADJ बेचारा without money. Though Scrooge claimed he was too *impecunious* to give alms, he easily could have afforded to be charitable.

impede V बाधा डालना hinder; block; delay. A series of accidents *impeded* the launching of the space shuttle.

impediment N बाधा hindrance; stumbling-block. She had a speech *impediment* that prevented her speaking clearly.

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impel V उत्तेजित करना drive or force onward. A strong feeling of urgency *impelled* her; if she failed to finish the project right then, she knew that she would never get it done.

impenetrable ADJ अभेद्य not able to be pierced or entered; beyond

understanding. How could the murderer have gotten into the locked room? To Watson, the mystery, like the room, was *impenetrable*.

impending ADJ आसन्न nearing; approaching. The entire country was saddened by the news of his *impending* death.

impenitent ADJ आनेवाला not repentant. We could see from his tough guy attitude that he was *impenitent*.

imperative ADJ अनिवार्य absolutely necessary; critically important. It is *imperative* that you be extremely agreeable to GreatAunt Maud when she comes to tea: otherwise she might not leave you that million dollars in her will. also N.

imperceptible ADJ अगोचर unnoticeable; undetectable. Fortunately, the stain on the blouse was *imperceptible* after the blouse had gone through the wash.

imperial ADJ शाही like an emperor; related to an empire. When hotel owner Leona Helmsley appeared in ads as Queen Leona standing guard over the Palace Hotel, her critics mocked her imperial fancies.

imperious ADJ राज्य-संबंधी domineering; haughty. Jane rather liked a man to be masterful, but Mr. Rochester seemed so bent on getting his own way that he was actually imperious!

impermeable ADJ अभेद्य impervious; not permitting passage through its substance. This new material is *impermeable* to liquids.

impertinent ADJ असंगत insolent; rude. His neighbors' *impertinent* curiosity about his lack of dates angered Ted. It was downright rude of them to ask him such personal questions.

imperturbable ADJ अविचलित calm; placid; composed. In the midst of the battle, the Duke of Wellington remained *imperturbable* and in full command of the situation despite the hysteria and panic all around him. *imperturbability*, N.

Impervious ADJ प्रबल impenetrable; incapable of being damaged or distressed. The carpet salesman told Simone that his most expensive brand of floor covering was warranted to be impervious to ordinary wear and tear. Having read so many negative reviews of his acting, the movie star had learned to ignore them, and was now impervious to criticism.

impetuous ADJ अविवेकी violent; hasty; rash. "Leap before you look" was the motto suggested by one particularly impetuous young man.

impetus N प्रेरणा incentive; stimulus; moving force. A new federal highway program would create jobs and give added impetus to our economic recovery.

impiety N नास्तिकता irreverence; lack of respect for God. When members of the youth group draped the church in toilet paper one Halloween, the minister reprimanded them for their impiety.

impinge v टकराना infringe; touch; collide with. How could they be married without *impinging* on one another's freedom?

impious ADJ बेईमान irreverent. The congregation was offended by her impious remarks.

implacable ADJ संगदिल incapable of being pacified. Madame Defarge was the implacable enemy of the Evremonde family.

implausible ADJ अकल्पनीय unlikely; unbelievable. Though her alibi seemed implausible, it in fact turned out to be true.

implement v लागू put into effect; supply with tools. The mayor was unwilling to implement the plan until she was sure it had the governor's backing. also N.

implicate v फंसाना incriminate; show to be involved. Here's the deal: if you agree to take the witness stand and implicate your partners in crime, the prosecution will recommend that the judge go easy in sentencing you.

implication N निहितार्थ something hinted at or suggested. When Miss Watson said she hadn't seen her purse since the last time Jim was in the house, the implication was that she suspected Jim had taken it.
imply, v.

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implicit ADJ अंतर्निहित understood but not stated. Jack never told Jill he adored her; he believed his love was implicit in his actions.

implore v प्रार्थना करना beg. He implored her to give him a second chance.

imply v मतलब suggest a meaning not expressed; signify. When Aunt Millie said, "My! That's a big piece of pie, young man!" was she implying that Bobby was being a glutton in helping himself to such a huge piece?

importunate ADJ हठी urging; demanding. He tried to hide from his importunate creditors until his allowance arrived.

importune v जिद करना beg persistently. Democratic and Republican phone solicitors *importuned* her for contributions so frequently that she decided to give nothing to either party.

impostor N कपटी someone who assumes a false identity. Holmes exposed the doctor as an impostor.

impotent ADJ नपुंसक weak; ineffective. Although he wished to break the nicotine habit, he found himself impotent in resisting the craving for a cigarette.

impoverished ADJ गरीब poor. The loss of their farm left the family *impoverished* and without hope.

impregnable ADJ अभेद्य invulnerable. Until the development of the airplane as a military weapon, the fort was considered impregnable.

impromptu ADJ बिना पहले सोचे हुए without previous preparation; off the cuff; on the spur of the moment. The judges were amazed that she could make such a thorough, well-supported presentation in an impromptu speech.

impropriety N अनौचित्य impropriety; unsuitableness. Because of the impropriety of the punk rocker's slashed T-shirt and jeans, the management refused to admit him to the hotel's very formal dining room.

improvident ADJ उड़ाऊ thrifless. He was constantly being warned to mend his *improvident* ways and begin to "save for a rainy day." improvidence, N.

improvise v सुधारने compose on the spur of the moment. She would sit at the piano and *improvise* for hours on themes from Bach and Handel.

imprudent ADJ ढीठ lacking caution; injudicious. It is *imprudent* to exercise vigorously and become overheated when you are unwell.

impudence N धृष्टता impertinence; insolence. Kissed on the cheek by a perfect stranger, Lady Catherine exclaimed, "Of all the nerve! Young man, I should have you horse-whipped for your *impudence*."

impugn v बहस करना dispute or contradict (often in an insulting way); challenge; gainsay. Our treasurer was furious when the finance committee's report *impugned* the accuracy of his financial records and recommended that he should take bonehead math.

impunity N दण्ड मुक्ति freedom from punishment or harm. A 98pound weakling can't attack a beachfront bully with impunity. the poor, puny guy is sure to get mashed.

inadvertently *ADV* अनजाने में unintentionally; by oversight; carelessly. Judy's great fear was that she might *inadvertently* omit a question on the exam and mismark her whole answer sheet.

inalienable *ADJ* अविच्छेद्य not to be taken away; nontransferable. The Declaration of Independence mentions the *inalienable* rights that all of us possess.

inane *ADJ* बेहूदा silly; senseless. There's no point to what you're saying. Why are you bothering to make such inane remarks?

inanimate *ADJ* अचेतन lifeless. She was asked to identify the still and inanimate body.

inarticulate *ADJ* धीरे से बोलना speechless; producing indistinct speech. He became *inarticulate* with rage and uttered sounds without meaning.

inaugurate *V* का उद्घाटन start; initiate; install in office. The airline decided to *inaugurate* its new route to the Far East with a special reduced fare offer. *inaugural*, *ADJ*.

incandescent *ADJ* गरमागरम strikingly bright; shining with intense heat. If you leave on an *incandescent* light bulb, it quickly grows too hot to touch.

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incantation *N* जादू singing or chanting of magic spells; magical formula. Uttering incantations to make the brew more potent, the witch doctor stirred the liquid in the caldron.

incapacitate *V* अशक्त बना देना disable. During the winter, many people were *incapacitated* by respiratory ailments.

incarcerate *V* कैद कर देना imprison. The civil rights workers were willing to be arrested and even *incarcerated* if by their imprisonment they could serve the cause.

incarnation *N* अवतार act of assuming a human body and human nature. The *incarnation* of Jesus Christ is a basic tenet of Christian theology.

incendiary *N* आग लगानेवाला arsonist. The fire spread in such an unusual manner that the fire department chiefs were certain that it had been set by an *incendiary*. also *ADJ*.

incense *V* धूप enrage; infuriate. Cruelty to defenseless animals *incensed* Kit: the very idea brought tears of anger to her eyes.

incentive *N* प्रोत्साहन spur; motive. Mike's strong desire to outshine his big sister was all the incentive he needed to do well in school.

inception *N* आरंभ start; beginning. She was involved with the project from its *inception*.

incessant *ADJ* निरंतर uninterrupted; unceasing. In a famous TV commercial, the frogs' incessant croaking goes on and on until eventually it turns into a single word: "Bud-weis-er."

Word List 25 **inchoate-ingenious**

inchoate *ADJ* इब्तिदाई recently begun; rudimentary; elementary. Before the Creation, the world was an *inchoate* mass.

incidence *N* घटना rate of occurrence; particular occurrence.

Health professionals expressed great concern over the high *incidence* of infant mortality in major urban areas.

incidental *ADJ* आकस्मिक not essential; minor. The scholarship covered his major expenses at college and some of his *incidental* expenses as well.

incipient *ADJ* उत्पन्न होनेवाला beginning; in an early stage. I will go to sleep early for I want to break an *incipient* cold.

incisive *ADJ* काटा हुआ cutting; sharp. His incisive remarks made us see the fallacy in our plans.

incite *V* उत्तेजित करना arouse to action; goad; motivate; induce to exist. In a fiery speech, Mario *incited* his fellow students to go out on strike to protest the university's anti-affirmative action stand.

inclement *ADJ* कठोर stormy; unkind. In *inclement* weather, I like to curl up on the sofa with a good book and listen to the storm blowing outside.

incline *N* इच्छा slope; slant. The architect recommended that the nursing home's ramp be rebuilt because its *incline* was too steep for wheelchairs.

inclined *ADJ* झुका tending or leaning toward; bent. Though I am *inclined* to be skeptical, the witness's manner *inclines* me to believe his story. also *V*.

inclusive *ADJ* सम्मिलित tending to include all. The comedian turned down the invitation to join the Players' Club, saying any club that would let him in was too *inclusive* for him.

incoherent *ADJ* बेतुका unintelligible; muddled; illogical. The excited fan blushed and stammered, her words becoming almost *incoherent* in the thrill of meeting her favorite rock star face to face. *incoherence*, *N*.

incompatible *ADJ* असंगत inharmonious. The married couple argued incessantly and finally decided to separate because they were *incompatible*. *incompatibility*, *N*.

incongruous *ADJ* बेमेल not fitting; absurd. Dave saw nothing *incongruous* about wearing sneakers with his tuxedo; he couldn't understand why his date took one look at him and started to laugh. *incongruity*, *N*.

inconsequential *ADJ* क्रमरहित insignificant; unimportant. Brushing off Ali's apologies for having broken the wineglass, Tamara said, "Don't worry about it; it's *inconsequential*."

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inconsistency *N* बेजोड़ता state of being self-contradictory; lack of uniformity or steadiness.

How are lawyers different from agricultural inspectors? While lawyers check *inconsistencies* in witnesses' statements, agricultural inspectors check *inconsistencies* in Grade A eggs. *inconsistent*, *ADJ*.

incontinent *ADJ* असंयमी lacking self-restraint; licentious. His *incontinent* behavior off stage so shocked many people that they refused to attend the plays and movies in which he appeared.

incontrovertible *ADJ* मुंहतोड़ indisputable; not open to question. Unless you find the evidence against my client absolutely *incontrovertible*, you must declare her not guilty of this charge.

incorporate *V* सम्मिलित introduce something into a larger whole; combine; unite. Breaking with precedent, President Truman ordered the military to incorporate blacks into every branch of the armed services. also *ADJ*.

incorporeal *ADJ* निराकार lacking a material body; insubstantial. While Casper the friendly ghost is an *incorporeal* being, nevertheless he and his fellow ghosts make quite an impact on the physical world.

incorrigible *ADJ* असंशोधनीय not correctable. Though Widow Douglass hoped to reform Huck, Miss Watson called him *incorrigible* and said he would come to no good end.

incredulous *ADJ* बदगुमान withholding belief; skeptical. When Jack claimed he hadn't eaten the jelly doughnut, Jill took an *incredulous* look at his smeared face and laughed. *incredulity*, *N*.

increment *N* वेतन वृद्धि increase. The new contract calls for a 10 percent *increment* in salary for each employee for the next two years.

incriminate *V* दोषी ठहराना accuse. The evidence gathered against the racketeers *incriminates* some high public officials as well.

incrustation *N* ईन्कस्त्रतैषेण hard coating or crust. In dry dock, we scraped off the *incrustation* of dirt and barnacles that covered the hull of the ship.

incubate *V* सेते hatch; scheme. Inasmuch as our supply of electricity is cut off, we shall have to rely on the hens to *incubate* these eggs.

inculcate *V* मन में बैठाना teach; instill. In an effort to *inculcate* religious devotion, the officials ordered that the school day begin with the singing of a hymn.

incumbent *ADJ* निर्भर obligatory; currently holding an office. It is *incumbent* upon all *incumbent* elected officials to keep accurate records of expenses incurred in office. also *N*.

incur *V* अपने ऊपर लेना bring upon oneself. His parents refused to pay any future debts he might *incur*.

incursion *N* चढ़ाई temporary invasion. The nightly *incursions* and hit-and-run raids of our neighbors across the border tried the patience of the country to the point where we decided to retaliate in force.

indefatigable *ADJ* अथक tireless. Although the effort of taking out the garbage tired Wayne out for the entire morning, when it came to partying, he was *indefatigable*.

indelible *ADJ* अमिट not able to be erased. The *indelible* ink left a permanent mark on my shirt. Young Bill Clinton's meeting with President Kennedy made an *indelible* impression on the youth.

indentation *N* खरोज notch; deep recess. You can tell one tree from another by examining their leaves and noting the differences in the *indentations* along the edges of the leaves. *indent*, *V*.

indenture *V* ठीका bind as servant or apprentice to master. Many immigrants could come to America only after they had *indentured* themselves for several years. also *N*.

indeterminate *ADJ* दुविधा में पड़ा हुआ uncertain; not clearly fixed; indefinite. That interest rates shall rise appears certain; when they will do so, however, remains *indeterminate*.

indicative *ADJ* सूचक *suggestive*; implying. A lack of appetite may be *indicative* of a major mental or physical disorder.

indices *n. PL* सूचकांक signs; indications. Many college admissions officers believe that SAT scores and high school grades are the best *indices* of a student's potential to succeed in college. *n. SG.* index.

indict *v* अभियोग लगाना charge. The district attorney didn't want to *indict* the suspect until she was sure she had a strong enough case to convince a jury. indictment, *n.*

indifferent *ADJ* उदासीन unmoved or unconcerned by; mediocre. Because Ann felt no desire to marry, she was *indifferent* to Carl's constant proposals. Not only was she *indifferent* to him personally, but she felt that, given his

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general silliness, he would make an *indifferent* husband.

indigenous *ADJ.* स्वदेशी native. Cigarettes are made of tobacco, a plant *indigenous* to the New World.

indigent *ADJ* दरिद्र poor; destitute. Someone who is truly *indigent* can't even afford to buy a pack of cigarettes. [Don't mix up *indigent* and *indigenous*. See previous sentence.]

indignation *n* रोष anger at an injustice. He felt *indignation* at the ill-treatment of helpless animals.

indignity *n* तिरस्कार *offensive* or insulting treatment. Although he seemed to accept cheerfully the *indignities* heaped upon him, he was inwardly very angry.

indiscretion *n* अविवेक lack of tactfulness or sound judgment. Terrified that the least *indiscretion* could jeopardize his political career, the novice politician never uttered an unguarded word. indiscreet, *ADJ.*

indiscriminate *ADJ* अविवेकी choosing at random; confused. She disapproved of her son's *indiscriminate* television viewing and decided to restrict him to educational programs.

indisputable *ADJ.* निर्विवाद too certain to be disputed. In the face of these *indisputable statements*, I withdraw my complaint.

indissoluble *ADJ.* स्थायी permanent. The *indissoluble* bonds of marriage are all too often being dissolved.

indoctrinate *v* राजी करना instruct in a doctrine or ideology. Cuban Americans resisted sending Elian Gonzalez back to Cuba because he would be *indoctrinated there* with Communist principles.

indolent *ADJ* अकर्मण्य .lazy. Couch potatoes lead an *indolent* life lying back on their Lazyboy recliners watching Tv. indolence, *n.*

indomitable *ADJ.* अदम्य unconquerable; unyielding. Focusing on her game despite all her personal problems, tennis champion Steffi Graf proved she had an *indomitable will* to win.

indubitable *ADJ.* ज़ाहिर unable to be doubted; unquestionable. Auditioning for the chorus line, Molly was an *indubitable* hit: the director fired the leading lady and hired Molly in her place!

induce *v.* प्रेरित करना persuade; bring about. After the quarrel, Tina said nothing could *induce* her to talk to Tony again. inducement, *n.*

indulgent *ADJ.* कृपालु humoring; yielding; lenient. Jay's mom was *excessively indulgent* she bought him every Nintendo cartridge and video game on the market. She *indulged* Jay so much, she spoiled him rotten.

industrious *ADJ* मेहनती .diligent; hard-working. Look busy when the boss walks by your desk; it never hurts to appear *industrious*. industry, *n.*

inebriated *ADJ* नशे में धुत .habitually intoxicated; drunk. Abe was *inebriated* more often than he was sober. Because of his *inebriety*, he was discharged from his job as a bus driver.

ineffable *ADJ* अकहा unutterable; cannot be expressed in speech. Such *ineffable* joy must be experienced; it cannot be described.

ineffectual *ADJ.* अप्रभावी not effective; weak. Because the candidate failed to get across his message to the public, his campaign was *ineffectual*.

inefficacious *ADJ* बेअसर not effective; unable to produce a desired result. All Lois's coaxing and urging was *inefficacious*: Clark still refused to join her and Superman for dinner. inefficacy, *n.*

inept *ADJ* अयोग्य lacking skill; unsuited; incompetent. The *inept* glovemaker was all thumbs.

inequity *n* अन्याय unfairness. In demanding equal pay for equal work, women protest the basic *inequity* of a system that gives greater financial rewards to men.

inert *ADJ* निष्क्रिय inactive; lacking power to move. "Get up, you lazybones," she cried to her husband, who lay in bed *inert*. inertia, *n.*

inevitable *ADJ* अपरिहार्य unavoidable. Though death and taxes are both supposedly *inevitable*, some people avoid paying taxes for years.

inexorable *ADJ* निष्ठुर *relentless*; unyielding; implacable. After listening to the pleas for clemency, the judge was *inexorable* and gave the convicted man the maximum punishment allowed by law.

infallible *ADJ* अचूक unerring. We must remember that none of us *is infallible*; we all make mistakes.

infamous *ADJ* बदनाम notoriously bad. Charles Manson and Jeffrey Dahmer are both *infamous* killers.

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infantile *ADJ* शिशु-संबंधी childish. When will he outgrow such *infantile* behavior?

infer *V* तर्क करना deduce; conclude. From the students' glazed looks, it was easy for me to *infer* that they were bored out of their minds. *inference*, *N*.

infernal *ADJ* राक्षसी pertaining to hell; devilish. Batman was baffled: he could think of no way to hinder the Joker's *infernal* scheme to destroy the city.

infidel *N* बेवफ़ा *unbeliever*. The Saracens made war against the *infidels*.

infiltrate *V* घुसपैठ pass into or through; penetrate (an organization) sneakily. In order to be able to *infiltrate* *enemy lines* at night without being seen, the scouts darkened their faces and wore black coveralls. *infiltrator*, *N*.

infinitesimal *ADJ* अतिसूक्ष्म very small. In the twentieth century, physicists have made their greatest discoveries about the characteristics of *infinitesimal* objects like the atom and its parts.

infirmity *N* दुर्बलता weakness. Her greatest infirmity was lack of willpower.

inflated *ADJ* हवा भरा हुआ exaggerated; pompous; enlarged (with air or gas). His claims about the new product were *inflated*, it did not work as well as he had promised.

influx *N* तांता flowing into. The *influx* of refugees into the country has taxed the relief agencies severely.

informal *ADJ* अनौपचारिक absence of ceremony; casual. The English teacher preferred informal discussions to prepared lectures.

infraction *N* अतिक्रमण violation (of a rule or regulation); breach. When Dennis Rodman butted heads with that referee, he committed a clear infraction of NBA rules.

infuriate *V* क्रुद्ध करना enrage; anger. Her big brother's teasing always *infuriated* Margaret; no matter how hard she tried to keep her temper, he always got her goat.

infusion *N* आसव act of introducing or instilling a quality; liquid solution. The rookie quarterback brought an *infusion* of new life and vigor to the tired team. *infuse*, *V*.

ingenious *ADJ* सरल clever; resourceful. Kit admired the *ingenious* way that her computer keyboard opened up to reveal the built-in CD-ROM below. *ingenuity*, *N*.

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ingenue *N* सरलता an artless girl; an actress who plays such parts. Although she was forty, she still insisted that she be cast as an *ingenue* and refused to play more mature roles.

ingenuous *ADJ* सरल naive and trusting; young; unsophisticated. The woodsman had not realized how *ingenuous* Little Red Riding Hood was until he heard that she had gone off for a walk in the woods with the Big Bad Wolf.

ingrained *ADJ* दीर्घस्थायी deeply established; firmly rooted. Try as they would, the missionaries were unable to uproot the *ingrained* superstitions of the natives.

ingrate *N* कृतघ्न ungrateful person. That *ingrate* Bob sneered at the tie I gave him.

ingratiate *V* अनुग्रह प्राप्त करना become popular with. He tried to ingratiate himself into her parents' good graces.

inherent *ADJ* निहित firmly established by nature or habit. Katya's *inherent* love of justice caused her to champion anyone she considered treated unfairly by society.

inhibit *V* रोकना restrain; retard or prevent. Only two things *inhibited* him from taking a punch at Mike Tyson: Tyson's left hook, and Tyson's right jab. The protective undercoating on my car *inhibits* the formation of rust.

inimical ADJ विरोधी unfriendly; hostile; harmful; detrimental. I've always been friendly to Martha. Why is she so inimical to me?

inimitable ADJ अननुकरणीय matchless; not able to be imitated. We admire Auden for his *inimitable* use of language; he is one of a kind.

iniquitous ADJ अधर्म wicked; immoral; unrighteous. Whether or not King Richard III was responsible for the murder of the two young princes in the Tower, it was an *iniquitous* deed. iniquity, N.

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initiate V आरंभ begin; originate; receive into a group. The college is about to *initiate* a program in reducing math anxiety among students.

injurious ADJ हानिकारक harmful. Smoking cigarettes can be *injurious* to your health.

inkling N आभास hint. This came as a complete surprise to me as I did not have the slightest *inkling* of your plans.

innate ADJ जन्मजात inborn. Mozart's parents soon recognized young Wolfgang's innate talent for music.

innocuous ADJ अहानिकर harmless. An occasional glass of wine with dinner is relatively *innocuous* and should have no ill effect on you.

innovation N नवोन्मेष change; introduction of something new. Although Richard liked to keep up with all the latest technological *innovations*, he didn't always abandon tried and true techniques in favor of something new. innovate, V.

innovative ADJ अभिनव novel; introducing a change. The establishment of our SAT I computer data base has enabled us to come up with some *innovative* tactics for doing well on the SAT.

innuendo N व्यंग्य hint; insinuation. I can defend myself against direct accusations; *innuendos* and oblique attacks on my character are what trouble me.

inopportune ADJ बेवक्त untimely; poorly chosen. A rock concert is an *inopportune* setting for a quiet conversation.

inordinate ADJ असामान्य unrestrained; excessive. She had an *inordinate* fondness for candy, eating two or three boxes in a single day.

inquisitor N जिज्ञासा दिखानेवाला questioner (especially harsh); investigator. Fearing being grilled ruthlessly by the secret police, Masha faced her *inquisitors* with trepidation.

insalubrious ADJ अपथ्य unwholesome; not healthful. The mosquito-ridden swamp was an *insalubrious* place, a breeding ground for malarial contagion.

insatiable ADJ लालची not easily satisfied; unquenchable; greedy. David's appetite for oysters was *insatiable*; he could easily eat four dozen at a single sitting.

inscrutable ADJ रहस्यमय impenetrable; not readily understood; mysterious. Experienced poker players try to keep their expressions *inscrutable*, hiding their reactions to the cards behind a so-called "poker face."

insensible ADJ बेसुध unconscious; unresponsive. Sherry and I are very different; at times when I would be covered with embarrassment, she seems *insensible* to shame.

insidious ADJ कपटी treacherous; stealthy; sly. The fifth column is *insidious* because it works secretly within our territory for our defeat.

insightful ADJ व्यावहारिक discerning; perceptive. Sol thought he was very *insightful* about human behavior, but he was actually clueless as to why people acted the way they did.

insinuate V इशारा करना hint; imply; creep in. When you said I looked robust, did you mean to *insinuate* that I'm getting fat?

insipid ADJ फीका lacking in flavor; dull. Flat prose and flat ginger ale are equally *insipid*: both lack sparkle.

insolence N बदतमीजी impudent disrespect; haughtiness. How dare you treat me so rudely! The manager will hear of your *insolence*. insolent, ADJ.

insolvent ADJ दिवालिया bankrupt; unable to repay one's debts. Although young Lord Widgeon was *insolvent*, he had no fear of being thrown into debtors' prison, for he was sure that if his creditors pressed him for payment his wealthy parents would repay what he owed. insolvency, N.

insomnia N अनिद्रा wakefulness; inability to sleep. He refused to join us in a midnight cup of coffee because he claimed it gave him *insomnia*.

instigate भड़काना urge; start; provoke. Rumors of police corruption led the mayor to instigate an investigation into the department's activities.

insubordination N अवज्ञा disobedience; rebelliousness. At the slightest hint of *insubordination* from the sailors of the *Bounty*, Captain Bligh had them flogged; finally, they mutinied.

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insubstantial ADJ असाध्य lacking substance; insignificant; frail. His hopes for a career in acting proved *insubstantial*; no one would cast him, even in an *insubstantial* role.

insularity N / संकीर्णता narrow-mindedness; isolation. The *insularity* of the islanders manifested itself in their suspicion of anything foreign. insular, ADJ.

insulated ADJ अछूता set apart; isolated. A well-to-do bachelor, James spent his money freely, *insulated* from the cares of his friends, who had families to support.

insuperable ADJ अजेय insurmountable; unbeatable. Though the odds against their survival seemed *insuperable*, the Apollo 13 astronauts reached earth safely.

insurgent ADJ विद्रोही rebellious. Because the *insurgent* forces had occupied the capital and had gained control of the railway lines, several of the war correspondents covering the uprising predicted a rebel victory.

insurmountable ADJ दुर्गम overwhelming; unbeatable; insuperable. Faced by almost *insurmountable* obstacles, the members of the underground maintained their courage and will to resist.

insurrection N विद्रोह rebellion; uprising. In retrospect, given how badly the British treated the American colonists, the eventual *insurrection* seems inevitable.

intangible ADJ अमूर्त not able to be perceived by touch; vague. Though the financial benefits of his Oxford post were meager, Lewis was drawn to it by its *intangible* rewards: prestige, intellectual freedom, the fellowship of his peers.

integral ADJ अविभाज्य complete; necessary for completeness. Physical education is an *integral* part of our curriculum; a sound mind and a sound body are complementary.

integrate V एकीकृत make whole; combine; make into one unit. She tried to *integrate* all their activities into one program.

integrity N अखंडता uprightness; wholeness. Lincoln, whose personal integrity has inspired millions, fought a civil war to maintain the integrity of the Republic, that these United States might remain undivided for all time.

intellect N बुद्धि higher mental powers. He thought college would develop his intellect.

intelligentsia N बुद्धिजीवीवर्ग the intelligent and educated classes [often used derogatorily]. She preferred discussions about sports and politics to the literary conversations of the *intelligentsia*.

intemperate ADJ असंयमी immoderate; excessive; extreme. In a temper, Tony refused to tone down his intemperate remarks.

inter V दफन करना bury. They are going to inter the body tomorrow at Broadlawn Cemetery.

interim N अन्तरिम meantime. The company will not consider our proposal until next week; in the interim, let us proceed as we have in the past.

interloper N घुसपैठिये intruder; unwanted meddler. The merchant thought of his competitors as interlopers who were stealing away his trade.

interment N दफन burial. *Interment* will take place in the church cemetery at 2 P.M. Wednesday.

interminable ADJ अनंत endless. Although his speech lasted for only twenty minutes, it seemed *interminable* to his bored audience.

intermittent ADJ रुक-रुक कर periodic; on and off. The outdoor wedding reception had to be moved indoors to avoid the intermittent showers that fell on and off all afternoon.

interrogate V पूछताछ question closely; cross-examine. Knowing that the Nazis would interrogate him about his background, the secret agent invented a cover story that would help him meet their questions.

intervene v हस्तक्षेप करना come between. When two close friends get into a fight, be careful if you try to *intervene*;
they may join forces to gang up on you.

intimacy n आत्मीयता closeness, often affectionate; privacy; familiarity. In a moment of rare intimacy, the mayor allowed the reporters a glimpse of his personal feelings about his family. intimate, **ADJ**.

intimate v अन्तरंग hint; suggest. Was Dick *intimating* that Jane had bad breath when he asked if she'd like a breath mint?

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intimidate v धमकाना frighten. I'll learn karate and then those big bullies won't be able to *intimidate* me any more.

intractable **ADJ** असह्य unruly; stubborn; unyielding. Charlie Brown's friend Pigpen was *intractable*: he absolutely refused to take a bath.

intransigence n कट्टरता refusal of any compromise; stubbornness. The negotiating team had not expected such *intransigence* from the striking workers, who rejected any hint of a compromise. intransigent, **ADJ**.

intrepid **ADJ** निडर fearless. For her intrepid conduct nursing the wounded during the war, Florence Nightingale was honored by Queen Victoria.

intricate **ADJ** जटिल complex; knotty; tangled. Philip spent many hours designing mazes so intricate that none of his classmates could solve them. intricacy, **N**.

intrinsic **ADJ** स्वाभाविक essential; inherent; built-in. Although my grandmother's china has little intrinsic value, I shall always cherish it for the memories it evokes.

introspective **ADJ** आत्मविश्लेषी looking within oneself. Though young Francis of Assisi led a wild and worldly life, even then he had introspective moments during which he examined his soul. introvert **N**. one who is introspective; inclined to think more about oneself. In his poetry, he reveals that he is an introvert by his intense interest in his own problems. also **v**.

intrude **v** घुसेड़ना trespass; enter as an uninvited person. She hesitated to intrude on their conversation.

intuition **N** सहज बोध immediate insight; power of knowing without reasoning. Even though Tony denied that anything was wrong, Tina trusted her intuition that something was bothering him. intuitive, **ADJ**.

inundate **v** पाट देना overwhelm; flood; submerge. This semester I am *inundated* with work: You should see the piles of paperwork flooding my desk. Until the great dam was built, the waters of the Nile used to inundate the river valley like clockwork every year.

inured **ADJ** वस्तु accustomed; hardened. She became inured to the Alaskan cold.

invalidate **v** रद्द करना weaken; destroy. The relatives who received little or nothing sought to invalidate the will by claiming that the deceased had not been in his right mind when he had signed the document.

invasive **ADJ** इनवेसिव tending to spread aggressively; intrusive. Giving up our war with the invasive blackberry vines that had taken over the back yard, we covered the lawn with concrete. invade, **v**.

invective **N** फटकार abuse. He had expected criticism but not the invective that greeted his proposal. inveigh, **v**.

inverse **ADJ** श्लोक में opposite. There is an inverse ratio between the strength of light and its distance.

invert **v** पलटना turn upside down or inside out. When he inverted his body in a handstand, he felt the blood rush to his head. inveterate **ADJ**. deep-rooted; habitual. An inveterate smoker, Bob cannot seem to break the habit, no matter how hard he tries.

invidious **ADJ** अपमानजनक designed to create ill will or envy. We disregarded her *invidious* remarks because we realized how jealous she was.

invigorate **v** का लाभ energize; stimulate. A quick dip in the pool invigorated Meg, and with renewed energy she got back to work.

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invincible **ADJ** अजेय unconquerable. Superman is invincible.

inviolable **ADJ** पवित्र secure from corruption, attack, or violation; unassailable. Batman considered his oath to keep the people of Gotham City inviolable: nothing on earth could make him break this promise.

invocation *N* मंगलाचरण prayer for help; calling upon as a reference or support. The service of Morning Prayer opens with an invocation during which we ask God to hear our prayers.

invoke *V* आह्वान call upon; ask for. She *invoked* her advisor's aid in filling out her financial aid forms.

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invulnerable *ADJ* अभेद्य incapable of injury. Achilles was invulnerable except in his heel.

iota *N* कण very small quantity. She hadn't an iota of common sense.

irascible *ADJ* चिड़चिड़ा irritable; easily angered. Miss Minchin's irascible temper intimidated the younger schoolgirls, who feared she'd burst into a rage at any moment.

irate *ADJ* क्रुद्ध angry. When John's mother found out he had overdrawn his checking account for the third month in a row, she was so irate she could scarcely speak to him.

ire *N*. कोप anger. The waiter tried unsuccessfully to placate the ire of the diner who had found a cockroach in her soup.

iridescent *ADJ* इंद्रधनुषी exhibiting rainbowlike colors. She admired the iridescent hues of the oil that floated on the surface of the water.

irksome *ADJ* क्लेश जनक annoying; tedious. He found working on the assembly line irksome because of the monotony of the operation he had to perform. *irk, v.*

ironic *ADJ* लोहे का resulting in an unexpected and contrary outcome. It is ironic that his success came when he least wanted it.

irony *N* व्यंग्य hidden sarcasm or satire; use of words that seem to mean the opposite of what they actually mean. Gradually his listeners began to realize that the excessive praise he was lavishing on his opponent was actually irony, he was in fact ridiculing the poor fool.

irrational *ADJ* तर्कहीन illogical; lacking reason; insane. Many people have such an irrational fear of snakes that they panic at the sight of a harmless garter snake.

irreconcilable *ADJ* कट्टर विरोधी incompatible; not able to be resolved. Because the separated couple were irreconcilable, the marriage counselor recommended a divorce.

irrefutable *ADJ* अखंडनीय indisputable; incontrovertible; undeniable. No matter how hard I tried to find a good comeback for her argument, I couldn't think of one: her logic was irrefutable.

irrelevant *ADJ* असंगत not applicable; unrelated. No matter how irrelevant the patient's mumblings may seem, they give us some indications of what he has on his mind.

irremediable *ADJ* लाइलाज incurable; uncorrectable. The error she made was *irremediable*; she could see no way to repair it.

irreparable *ADJ* अपूरणीय not able to be corrected or repaired. Your apology cannot atone for the *irreparable* damage you have done to her reputation.

irrepressible *ADJ* सदा एकसां unable to be restrained or held back. My friend Kitty's curiosity was *irrepressible*: she poked her nose into everybody's business and just laughed when I warned her that curiosity killed the cat.

irreproachable *ADJ* पहुंच से बाहर का blameless; impeccable. Homer's conduct at the office party was *irreproachable*; even Marge didn't have anything bad to say about how he behaved.

irresolute *ADJ* डगमग uncertain how to act; weak. Once you have made your decision, don't waver; a leader should never appear irresolute.

irretrievable *ADJ* असाध्य impossible to recover or regain; irreparable. The left fielder tried to retrieve the ball, but it flew over the fence, bounced off a wall, and fell into the sewer: it was irretrievable.

irreverence *N* अपमान lack of proper respect. Some audience members were amused by the *irreverence* of the comedian's jokes about the Pope; others felt offended by his lack of respect for their faith. *irreverent, ADJ.*

irrevocable *ADJ* स्थिर unalterable; irreversible. As Sue dropped the "Dear John" letter into the mailbox, she suddenly had second thoughts and wanted to take it back, but she could not: her action was irrevocable.

itinerant *ADJ* चलनेवाला wandering; traveling. He was an itinerant peddler and traveled through Pennsylvania and

Virginia selling his wares. also **N**.

itinerary **N** यात्रा कार्यक्रम plan of a trip. Disliking sudden changes in plans when she traveled abroad, Ethel refused to make any alterations in her itinerary.

jabber **V** गपशप chatter rapidly or unintelligibly. Why does the fellow insist on *jabbering* away in French when I can't understand a word he says?

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jaded **ADJ** क्लान्त fatigued; surfeited. He looked for exotic foods to stimulate his *jaded* appetite.

jargon **N** शब्दजाल language used by a special group; technical terminology; gibberish. The computer salesman at the store used a jargon of their own that we simply couldn't follow; we had no idea what they were jabbering about.

jaundiced **ADJ** डाही prejudiced (envious, hostile or resentful); yellowed. Because Sue disliked Carolyn, she looked at Carolyn's paintings with a *jaundiced* eye, calling them formless smears. Newborn infants afflicted with *jaundice* look slightly yellow: they have *jaundiced* skin.

jaunt **N** मनोरंजन की यात्रा trip; short journey. He took a quick *jaunt* to Atlantic City.

jaunty **ADJ** अल्हड़ lighthearted; animated; easy and carefree. In *An American in Paris*, Gene Kelly sang and danced his way through "Singing in the Rain" in a properly *jaunty* style.

jeopardize **V** खतरे में डालना endanger; imperil; put at risk. You can't give me a D in chemistry: you'll *jeopardize* my chances of getting into M.I.T. jeopardy, **N**.

jettison **V** बोझ गिराना throw overboard. In order to enable the ship to ride safely through the storm, the captain had to *jettison* much of his cargo.

jingoist **N** अंधराष्ट्रीयता extremely aggressive and militant patriot; warlike chauvinist. Always bellowing "America first!", the congressman was such a jingoist you could almost hear the sabers rattling as he marched down the halls. jingoism, **N**.

jocose **ADJ** विनोदी given to joking. The salesman was so *jocose* that many of his customers suggested that he become a "stand-up" comic.

jocular **ADJ** /हास्यपूर्ण/ रसिक said or done in jest. Although Bill knew the boss hated jokes, he couldn't resist making one *jocular* remark.

jollity **N** चहलपहल gaiety; cheerfulness. The festive Christmas dinner was a merry one, and old and young alike joined in the general jollity.

jostle **V** झटका shove; bump. In the subway he was *jostled* by the crowds.

jovial **ADJ** उल्लासपूर्ण good-natured; merry. A frown seemed out of place on his invariably *jovial* face.

jubilant **ADJ** आनंदोत्सव rejoicing. There was great *jubilant* when the armistice was announced. jubilant, **ADJ**.

judicious **ADJ** उचित sound in judgment; wise. At a key moment in his life, he made a *judicious* investment that was the foundation of his later wealth.

juncture **N** समय crisis; joining point. At this critical *juncture*, let us think carefully before determining the course we shall follow.

junta **N** सत्ताधारी सेना group of men joined in political intrigue; cabal. As soon as he learned of its existence, the dictator ordered the execution of all of the members of the *junta*.

jurisprudence **N** न्यायशास्त्र सा science of law. He was more a student of *jurisprudence* than a practitioner of the law.

justification **N** औचित्य good or just reason; defense; excuse. The jury found him guilty of the more serious charge because they could see no possible *justification* for his actions,

kaleidoscope **N** बहुरूपदर्शक tube in which patterns made by the reflection in mirrors of colored pieces of glass, etc., produce interesting symmetrical effects. People found a new source of entertainment while peering through the *kaleidoscope*; they found the ever-changing patterns fascinating.

kernel **N** गुठली, मूल central or vital part; whole seed (as of corn). "Watson, buried within this tissue of lies there is a *kernel* of truth; when I find it, the mystery will be solved."

killjoy **N** आनन्द में विघ्न डालने वाला grouch; spoilsport. At breakfast we had all been enjoying our bacon and eggs until that *killjoy* John started talking about how bad animal fats were for our health.

kindle v प्रज्वलित करना start a fire; inspire. One of the first things Ben learned in the Boy Scouts was how to *kindle* a fire by rubbing two dry sticks together. Her teacher's praise for her poetry *kindled* a spark of hope inside Maya.

kindred ADJ आत्मीय related; belonging to the same family. Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn were two *kindred* spirits. also N.

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kinetic ADJ गतिज producing motion. Designers of the electric automobile find that their greatest obstacle lies in the development of light and efficient storage batteries, the source of the *kinetic* energy needed to propel the vehicle.

kleptomaniac चोरी करने की बीमारी person who has a compulsive desire to steal. They discovered that the wealthy customer was a *kleptomaniac* when they caught her stealing some cheap trinkets.

knave N धूर्त untrustworthy person; rogue; scoundrel. Any politician nicknamed Tricky Dick clearly has the reputation of a *knave*. knavery, N.

knit v बुनी contract into wrinkles; grow together. Whenever David worries, his brow *knits* in a frown. When he broke his leg, he sat around the house all day waiting for the bones to *knit*.

knoll N टीला little round hill. Robert Louis Stevenson's grave is on a *knoll* in Samoa; to reach the grave site, you must climb uphill and walk a short distance along a marked path.

knotty ADJ विकट intricate; difficult; tangled. What to Watson had been a *knotty* problem, to Sherlock Holmes was simplicity itself.

kudos N यश honor; glory; praise. The singer complacently received *kudos* from his entourage on his performance.

laborious ADJ व्यवसायी demanding much work or care; tedious. In putting together his dictionary of the English language, Doctor Johnson undertook a laborious task.

labyrinth N भूलभुलैया maze. Hiding from Indian Joe, Tom and Becky soon lost themselves in the *labyrinth* of secret underground caves. labyrinthine, ADJ.

laceration N पंगु बनाना torn, ragged wound. The stock car driver needed stitches to close up the *lacerations* he received in the car crash.

lachrymose ADJ रोना producing tears. His voice has a lachrymose quality more appropriate to a funeral than a class reunion.

lackadaisical ADJ भावुक lacking purpose or zest; halfhearted; languid. Because Gatsby had his mind more on his love life than on his finances, he did a very *lackadaisical* job of managing his money.

lackluster ADJ मंद dull. We were disappointed by the *lackluster* performance.

laconic ADJ संक्षिप्त brief and to the point. Many of the characters portrayed by Clint Eastwood are *laconic* types: strong men of few words.

laggard ADJ सुस्त slow; sluggish. The sailor had been taught not to be laggard in carrying out orders. lag, N., V.

Word List 28 lament-low

lament v विलाप grieve; express sorrow. Even advocates of the war *lamented* the loss of so many lives in combat. lamentation, N.

lampoon v निन्दालेख ridicule. This article lampoons the pretensions of some movie moguls. also N.

languid ADJ निस्तेज weary; sluggish; listless. Her siege of illness left her *languid* and pallid.

languish v दुर्बल lose animation; lose strength. Left at Miss Minchin's school for girls while her father went off to war, Sarah Crewe refused to *languish*; instead, she hid her grief and actively befriended her less fortunate classmates.

languor N शिथिलता lassitude; depression. His friends tried to overcome the languor into which he had fallen by taking him to parties and to the theater.

lap v गोद take in food or drink with one's tongue; splash gently. The kitten neatly *lapped* up her milk. The waves softly *lapped* against the pier.

larceny N चोरी theft. Because of the prisoner's record, the district attorney refused to reduce the charge from grand larceny to petty *larceny*.

larder *N* कोठार pantry; place where food is kept. The first thing Bill did on returning home from school was to check what snacks his mother had in the *larder*.

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largess *N* उदारता generous gift. Lady Bountiful distributed largess to the poor.

lassitude *N* अवसाद languor; weariness. After a massage and a long soak in the hot tub, I gave in to my growing *lassitude* and lay down for a nap.

latent *ADJ* अव्यक्त potential but undeveloped; dormant; hidden. Polaroid pictures are popular at parties, because you can see the *latent* photographic image gradually appear before your eyes.

lateral *ADJ* पार्श्व coming from the side. In order to get good plant growth, the gardener must pinch off all *lateral* shoots.

latitude *N* अक्षांश freedom from narrow limitations. I think you have permitted your son too much *latitude* in this matter.

laud *V* प्रशंसा praise. The NFL *lauded* Boomer Esiason's efforts to raise money to combat cystic fibrosis. laudable, laudatory, *ADJ*.

lavish *ADJ* थकता liberal; wasteful. The actor's *lavish* gifts pleased her. also *v*.

lax *ADJ* ढीला, लापरवाह careless. We dislike restaurants where the service *is lax* and inattentive.

leaven *V* खमीर cause to rise or grow lighter; enliven. As bread dough is *leavened*, it puffs up, expanding in volume.

lechery *N* भ्रष्टाचार lustfulness; impurity in thought and deed. In his youth he led a life of lechery and debauchery; he did not mend his ways until middle age. lecherous, *ADJ*.

leery *ADJ* चालाक suspicious; cautious. Don't eat the sushi at this restaurant; I'm a bit leery about how fresh the raw fish is.

legacy *N* विरासत a gift made by a will. Part of my legacy from my parents is an album of family photographs.

legend *N* किंवदंती explanatory list of symbols on a map. The *legend* at the bottom of the map made it clear which symbols stood for rest areas along the highway and which stood for public camp sites. (secondary meaning)

legerdemain हथकंडा sleight of hand. The magician demonstrated his renowned *legerdemain*.

leniency *N* उदारता mildness; permissiveness. Considering the gravity of the offense, we were surprised by the *leniency* of the sentence.

lethal *ADJ* जानलेवा deadly. It is unwise to leave lethal weapons where children may find them.

lethargic *ADJ* सुस्त drowsy; dull. The stuffy room made her lethargic: she felt as if she was about to nod off.

levitate *V* उड़ जाना float in the air (especially by magical means). As the magician passed his hands over the recumbent body of his assistant, she appeared to rise and levitate about three feet above the table.

levity *N* छिछोरापन lack of seriousness; lightness. Stop giggling and wriggling around in the pew: such levity is improper in church.

levy *V* उगाही impose (a fine); collect (a payment). Crying "No taxation without representation," the colonists demonstrated against England's power to levy taxes.

lewd *ADJ* अशिष्ट lustful. They found his lewd stories objectionable.

lexicographer *N* कोशकार compiler of a dictionary. The new dictionary is the work of many lexicographers who spent years compiling and editing the work.

lexicon *N* शब्दकोश dictionary. I cannot find this word in any lexicon in the library.

liability *N* देयता drawback; debts. Her lack of an extensive vocabulary was a liability that she was eventually able to overcome.

liaison *N* मेल जोल contact keeping parts of an organization in communication; go-between; secret love affair. As the liaison between the American and British forces during World War II, the colonel had to ease tensions between the leaders of the two armies. Romeo's romantic liaison with Juliet ended in tragedy.

libel *N* परिवाद defamatory statement; act of writing something that smears a person's character. If Batman wrote that the Joker was a dirty, 'rotten, mass-murdering criminal, could the Joker sue

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liberator *N.* मुक्तिदाता one who sets free. Simon Bolivar, who led the South American colonies in their rebellion against Spanish rule, is known as the great liberator. liberate, *v.*

libretto *N.* गीती नाट्य text of an opera. The composer of an opera's music is remembered

more frequently than the author of its libretto.

licentious *ADJ.* मनमाना amoral; lewd and lascivious; unrestrained. Unscrupulously seducing the daughter of his host, Don Juan felt no qualms about the immorality of his licentious behavior.

lilliputian *ADJ.* छोटा सा extremely small. Tiny and delicate, the model was built on a lilliputian scale. also *N.*

limber *ADJ.* लचीला flexible. Hours of ballet classes kept him limber.

limerick *N.* निर्यक humorous short verse. The limerick form is the best; its meter is pure anapest. A

limerick's fun for most everyone, and the word may occur on your test.

limpid *ADJ.* पारदर्शक clear. A limpid stream ran through his property.

linchpin *N.* लींचपीण something that holds or links various parts together. The *linchpin* in the district attorney's case was a photograph showing the defendant shaking hands with the hired killer.

lineage *N.* वंशावली descent; ancestry. He traced his lineage back to Mayflower days.

linger *V.* दीर्घ काल तक रहना loiter or dawdle; continue or persist. Hoping to see Juliet pass by, Romeo *lingered* outside the Capulet house for hours. Though Mother made stuffed cabbage on Monday, the smell *lingered* around the house for days.

linguistic *ADJ.* भाषाई pertaining to language. The modern tourist will encounter very little linguistic difficulty as English has become an almost universal language.

liniment *N.* लेप ointment; lotion; salve. The trainer carefully applied the *liniment* to the quarterback's bruise, gently rubbing it into the skin.

lionize *V.* चापलूसी करना treat as a celebrity. She enjoyed being *lionized* and adored by the public.

liquidate *V.* नष्ट करना settle accounts; clear up. He was able to liquidate all his debts in a short period of time.

list *V.* सूचि tilt; lean over. That flagpole should be absolutely vertical; instead, it lists to one side.

(secondary meaning)

listless *ADJ.* उदासीन lacking in spirit or energy. We had expected him to be full of enthusiasm and were surprised by his list/ess attitude.

litany *N.* लीटानी supplicatory prayer. On this solemn day, the congregation responded to the prayers of the priest during the litany with fervor and intensity.

lithe *ADJ.* नर्म flexible; supple. Her figure was lithe and willowy.

litigation *N.* मुकदमेबाज़ी lawsuit. Try to settle this amicably; I do not want to become involved in litigation.

litigant, *N.*

livid *ADJ.* जर्द, फीका lead-colored; black and blue; enraged. His face was so *livid* with rage that we were afraid that he might have an attack of apoplexy.

loath *ADJ.* अनिच्छुक reluctant; disinclined. Romeo and Juliet were both loath for him to go.

loathe *V.* घृणा करना detest. Booming and hissing, the audience showed how much they *loathed* the wicked villain.

lofty *ADJ.* बुलंद very high. Though Barbara Jordan's fellow students used to tease her about her lofty ambitions, she rose to hold one of the highest positions in the land.

log *N.* छांटना record of a voyage or flight; record of day to day activities. "Flogged two seamen today for insubordination" wrote Captain Bligh in the *Bounty's* log. To see how much work I've accomplished recently, just take a look at the number of new files listed on my computer log.

loiter *V.* टाल - मटोल करना hang around; linger. The policeman told him not to loiter in the alley.

loll *V.* आराम से lounge about. They lolled around in their chairs watching television.

longevity *N* लंबी उम्र long life. When he reached ninety, the old man was proud of his longevity.

loom *V* करघा appear or take shape (usually in an enlarged or distorted form). The shadow of the gallows
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loomed threateningly above the small boy.

lope *V* छलांग gallop slowly. As the horses loped along, we had an opportunity to admire the ever-changing scenery. loquacious *ADJ.* talkative. Though our daughter barely says a word to us these days, put a phone in her hand and see how loquacious she can be: our phone bills are out of sight!
loquacity, *N.*

lout *N* गंवार clumsy person. That awkward lout dropped my priceless vase!

low *V* कम moo. From the hilltop, they could see the herd like ants in the distance; they could barely hear the cattle low.

Word List 29 **lucid-maul**

lucid *ADJ.* स्पष्ट अर्थ का easily understood; clear; intelligible. Ellen makes an excellent teacher: her explanations of technical points are lucid enough for a child to grasp.

lucrative *ADJ.* लाभप्रद profitable. He turned his hobby into a lucrative profession.

Ludicrous ऊटपटांग laughable; trifling. Let us be serious; this is not a ludicrous issue.

lugubrious *ADJ.* शोकाकुल mournful. The lugubrious howling of the dogs added to our sadness.

lull *N* शांति काल moment of calm. Not wanting to get wet, they waited under the awning for a lull in the rain.

lull *V.* शांति काल soothe; cause one to relax one's guard; subside. The mother's gentle song lulled the child to sleep. Malcolm tried to come up with a plausible story to lull his mother's suspicions, but she didn't believe a word he said.

lumber *V* लकड़ी move heavily or clumsily. Still somewhat torpid after its long hibernation, the bear lumbered through the woods.

luminary *N* चन्द्रमा celebrity; dignitary. A leading light of the American stage, Ethel Barrymore was a theatrical luminary whose name lives on.

luminous *ADJ.* प्रकाशमान shining; issuing light. The sun is a luminous body.

lummox *N* मूढ़ big, clumsy, often stupid person. Because he was highly overweight and looked ungainly, John Candy often was cast as a slow-witted lummox.

lunar *ADJ.* चंद्र pertaining to the moon. Lunar craters can plainly seen with the aid of a small telescope.

lunge *V* झपट्टा quick forward dive or reach; thrust. The wide receiver lunged forward to grab the football. With his sword, D'Artagnan lunged at his adversary.

lurid *ADJ.* भयंकर wild; sensational; graphic; gruesome. Do the lurid cover stories in the *Enquirer* actually attract people to buy that trashy tabloid?

lurk *V* घात में रहना stealthily lie in waiting; slink; exist unperceived. "Who knows what evil lurks in the hearts of men? The Shadow knows."

luscious *ADJ.* सुस्वाद pleasing to taste or smell. The ripe peach was luscious.

luster *N* चमक shine; gloss. The soft luster of the silk in the dim light was pleasing.

lustrous *ADJ.* शोभायमान shining. Her large and lustrous eyes lent a touch of beauty to an otherwise plain face.

luxuriant विलासी abundant; rich and splendid; fertile. Lady Godiva was completely covered by her luxuriant hair.

machinations *N* साजिश evil schemes or plots. Fortunately, Batman saw through the wily machinations of the Riddler and saved Gotham City from destruction by the forces of evil.

madrigal *N* गीत pastoral song. His program of folk songs included several madrigals which he sang to the accompaniment of a lute.

maelstrom *N* भंवर whirlpool. The canoe was tossed about in the maelstrom.

magnanimous *ADJ.* उदार generous; great-hearted. Philanthropists by definition are magnanimous; misers, by definition, are not. Cordelia was too magnanimous to resent her father's unkindness to her; instead, she generously forgave him. magnanimity, *N.*

magnate **N** **थैलीशाह** person of prominence or influence. Growing up in Pittsburgh, Annie

Dillard was surrounded by the mansions of the great steel and coal magnates who set their mark on that city.

magnitude **N** **परिमाण** greatness; extent. It is difficult to comprehend the *magnitude* of his crime.

maim **V** **अपंग कर देना** mutilate; injure. The hospital could not take care of all who had been wounded or *maimed* in the railroad accident.

maladroit **ADJ** **बेअदब** clumsy; bungling. How *maladroit* it was of me to mention seeing you out partying last night! From the look on his face, I take it that your boyfriend thought you were otherwise occupied.

malady **N** **नुकसान , बीमार** illness. A mysterious *malady* swept the country, filling doctors' offices with feverish, purplespotted

patients.

malaise **N** **अस्वस्थता** uneasiness; vague feeling of ill health. Feeling slightly queasy before going onstage, Carol realized that this touch of *malaise* was *merely* stage fright.

malapropism **N** **शब्द का गलत प्रयोग** comic misuse of a word. When Mrs. Malaprop accuses Lydia of being "as headstrong as an allegory on the banks of the Nile," she confuses "allegory" and "alligator" in a typical *malapropism*.

malcontent **N** **बारी** person dissatisfied with existing state of affairs. One of the few *malcontents* in Congress, he constantly voiced his objections to the presidential program. also **ADJ**.

malediction **N** **फटकार** curse. When the magic mirror revealed that Snow White was still alive, the wicked queen cried out in rage and uttered dreadful *maledictions*.

malefactor **N** **कुकर्मी** evildoer; criminal. Mighty Mouse will save the day, hunting down malefactors and rescuing innocent mice from peril.

malevolent **ADJ** **द्रोही** wishing evil. Iago is a malevolent villain who takes pleasure in ruining Othello.

malfeasance **N** **दुराचार** wrongdoing. The authorities did not discover the campaign manager's *malfeasance* until after he had spent most of the money he had embezzled.

malicious **ADJ** **दुर्भावनापूर्ण** hateful; spiteful. Jealous of Cinderella's beauty, her malicious stepsisters expressed their spite by forcing her to do menial tasks. malice, **N**.

malign **V** **दुष्ट** speak evil of; bad-mouth; defame. Putting her hands over her ears, Rose refused to listen to Betty malign her friend Susan.

malignant **ADJ** **घातक** injurious; tending to cause death; aggressively malevolent. Though many tumors are benign, some are *malignant*, growing out of control and endangering the life of the patient.

malingerer **N** **अपवादक** one who feigns illness to escape duty. The captain ordered the sergeant to punish all *malingerers* and force them to work. malingering, **V**.

malleable **ADJ** **लचीला** capable of being shaped by pounding; impressionable. Gold is a *malleable* metal, easily shaped into bracelets and rings. Fagin hoped Oliver was a malleable lad, easily shaped into a thief.

malodorous **ADJ** **बदबूदार** foul-smelling. The compost heap was most malodorous in summer.

mammal **N** **स्तनधारियों** a vertebrate animal whose female suckles its young. Many people regard the whale as a fish and do not realize that it is a mammal.

mammoth **ADJ** **विशाल** gigantic; enormous. To try to memorize every word on this vocabulary list would be a mammoth undertaking; take on projects that are more manageable in size.

mandate **N** **शासनादेश** order; charge. In his inaugural address, the president stated that he had a *mandate* from the people to seek an end to social evils such as poverty. also **V**.

mandatory **ADJ** **अनिवार्य** obligatory. These instructions are *mandatory*, any violation will be severely punished.

maniacal **ADJ** **पागलों** raging mad; insane. Though Mr. Rochester had locked his mad wife in the attic, he could still hear her maniacal laughter echoing throughout the house.

manifest **ADJ** **प्रकट** evident; visible; obvious. Digby's embarrassment when he met Madonna was manifest: his ears turned bright pink, he kept scuffing one shoe in the dirt, and he

couldn't look her in the eye.

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manifesto घोषणापत्र declaration; statement of policy. The Communist *Manifesto* by Marx and Engels proclaimed the principles of modern communism.

manipulate v हेरफेर operate with one's hands; control or play upon (people, forces, etc.) artfully. Jim Henson understood how to manipulate the Muppets. Madonna understands how to manipulate men (and publicity).

mannered ADJ अलंकारों से भरा affected; not natural. Attempting to copy the style of his wealthy neighbors, Gatsby adopted a *mannered*, artificial way of speech.

marital ADJ वैवाहिक pertaining to marriage. After the publication of his book on marital affairs, he was often consulted by married people on the verge of divorce.

maritime ADJ समुद्री bordering on the sea; nautical. The *Maritime* Provinces depend on the sea for their wealth.

marked ADJ चिह्नित noticeable or pronounced; targeted for vengeance. He walked with a *marked* limp, a souvenir of an old I.R.A. attack. As British ambassador, he knew he was a marked man, for he knew the Irish Republican Army wanted him dead.

marquee N मार्की canopy above an entrance, under which one can take shelter; rooflike shelter above a theater entrance. On stormy days, the hotel doorman keeps dry by standing directly beneath the *marquee*. The title of Arthur Kopit's play *Oh Dad, Poor Dad, Mamma's Hung You in the Closet and I'm Feeling So Sad* was too long to fit on the *marquee*.

marred ADJ बिगाड़ना damaged; disfigured. She had to refinish the marred surface of the table. mar, v.

marshal v सुव्यवस्थित करना मार्शल put in order. At a debate tournament, extemporaneous speakers have only a minute or two to marshal their thoughts before they address their audience.

marsupial N धानी, थैली जैसा one of a family of mammals that nurse their offspring in a pouch. The most common marsupial in North America is the opossum.

martial ADJ सामरिक warlike. The sound of martial music inspired the young cadet with dreams of military glory.

martinet N कठोर अनुशासक strict disciplinarian. No talking at meals! No mingling with the servants! Miss Minchin was a martinet who insisted that the schoolgirls in her charge observe each regulation to the letter.

martyr N शहीद one who voluntarily suffers death for his or her religion or cause; great sufferer.

By burning her at the stake, the English made Joan of Arc a martyr for her faith. Mother played the martyr by staying home cleaning the house while the rest of the family went off to the beach.

masochist N परपीड़न-कामुक person who enjoys his own pain. The masochist begs, "Hit me." The sadist smiles and says, "I won't."

material ADJ सामग्री made of physical matter; unspiritual; important. Probing the mysteries of this material world has always fascinated physicist George Whitesides. Reporters nicknamed Madonna the Material Girl because, despite her name, she seemed wholly uninterested in spiritual values. Lexy's active participation made a material difference to the success of the fund-raiser.

materialism N भौतिकवाद preoccupation with physical comforts and things. By its nature, materialism is opposed to idealism, for where the materialist emphasizes the needs of the body, the idealist emphasizes the needs of the soul.

maternal ADJ मातृ-संबंधी motherly. Many animals display maternal instincts only while their offspring are young and helpless.

matriarch N कुलमाता woman who rules a family or larger social group. The matriarch ruled her gypsy tribe with a firm hand.

matriculate v. शामिल किया हुआ व्यक्ति enroll (in college or graduate school). Incoming students formally matriculate at our college in a special ceremony during which they sign the official register of students.

maudlin ADJ भावुक effusively sentimental. Whenever a particularly *maudlin* tearjerker was playing at the movies, Marvin would embarrass himself by weeping copiously.

maul v आलोचना करना handle roughly. The rock star was *mauled* by his over-excited fans.

Word List 30 maverick-misrepresent

maverick *N* आवारा rebel; nonconformist. To the masculine literary establishment, George Sand with her insistence on wearing trousers and smoking cigars was clearly a maverick who fought her proper womanly role.

mawkish *ADJ* कुत्सित mushy and gushy; icky-sticky sentimental; maudlin. Whenever Gigi and her boyfriend would sigh and get all lovey-dovey, her little brother would shout, "Yuck!" protesting their *mawkish* behavior.

maxim *N* कहावत proverb; a truth pithily stated. Aesop's fables illustrate moral maxims.

meager *ADJ* अल्प scanty; inadequate. Still hungry after his meager serving of porridge, Oliver Twist asked for a second helping.

meander *V* भूल भुलैया wind or turn in its course. Needing to stay close to a source of water, he followed every twist and turn of the stream as it *meandered* through the countryside.

meddlesome *ADJ* उक्तानेवाला interfering. He felt his marriage was suffering because of his *meddlesome* mother-in-law.

mediate *V* मध्यस्थ settle a dispute through the services of an outsider. King Solomon was asked to *mediate* a dispute between two women, each of whom claimed to be the mother of the same child.

mediocre *ADJ* औसत दर्जे का ordinary; commonplace. We were disappointed because he gave a rather mediocre performance in this role.

meditation *N* ध्यान reflection; thought. She reached her decision only after much *meditation*.

medley *N* मिश्रण mixture. To avoid boring dancers by playing any one tune for too long, bands may combine three or four tunes into a medley.

meek *ADJ* नम्र quiet and obedient; spiritless. Can Lois Lane see through Superman's disguise and spot the superhero hiding behind the guise of meek, timorous Clark Kent? Mr. Barrett never expected his *meek* daughter would dare to defy him by eloping with her suitor.

melancholy *ADJ* उदासी gloomy; morose; blue. To Eugene, stuck in his small town, a train whistle was a *melancholy* sound, for it made him think of all the places he would never get to see.

mellifluous *ADJ* शहद उत्पन्न करनेवाला sweetly or smoothly flowing; melodious. Italian is a mellifluous language, especially suited to being sung.

membrane *N* झिल्ली thin soft sheet of animal or vegetable tissue. Each individual section of an orange is covered with a thin, transparent *membrane*. membranous, *ADJ*.

memento *N* स्मृति चिन्ह token; reminder. Take this book as a memento of your visit.

menagerie *N* जंगली पशुओं का पिंजड़ों में संग्रह collection of wild animals. Whenever the children run wild around the house, Mom shouts, "Calm down! I'm not running a menagerie!"

mendacious *ADJ* मिथ्या lying; habitually dishonest. Distrusting Huck from the start, Miss Watson assumed he was *mendacious* and refused to believe a word he said.

mendicant *N* भिक्षुक beggar. "O noble sir, give alms to the poor," cried Aladdin, playing the *mendicant*.

menial *ADJ* सेवक suitable for servants; lowly; mean. Her wicked stepmother forced Cinderella to do *menial* tasks around the house while her ugly stepsisters lolled around painting their toenails.

mentor *N* गुरु teacher. During this very trying period, she could not have had a better mentor, for the teacher was sympathetic and understanding.

mercenary *ADJ* किराये का interested in money or gain. Andy's every act was prompted by mercenary motives: his first question was always "What's in it for me?"

mercurial *ADJ* अस्थिर capricious; changing; fickle. Quick as quicksilver to change, he was mercurial in nature and therefore unreliable.

merger *N* विलयन combination (of two business corporations). When the firm's president married the director of financial planning, the office joke was that it wasn't a marriage, it was a merger.

mesmerize *V* सम्मोहित hypnotize. The incessant drone seemed to mesmerize him and place him in a trance.

metallurgical *ADJ* धातु pertaining to the art of removing metals from ores. During the course of his metallurgical research, the scientist developed a steel alloy of tremendous strength.

metamorphosis *N* कायापलट change of form; major transformation. The metamorphosis of caterpillar to butterfly is typical of many such changes in animal life. metamorphose, *v*.

metaphor *N* रूपक implied comparison. "He soared like an eagle" is an example of a simile; "He is an eagle in flight," a metaphor.

metaphysical *ADJ* आध्यात्मिक pertaining to speculative philosophy. The modern poets have gone back to the fanciful poems of the *metaphysical* poets of the seventeenth century for many of their images. metaphysics, *N*.

methodical *ADJ* व्यवस्थित systematic. An accountant must be *methodical* and maintain order among his financial records.

meticulous *ADJ* सूक्ष्म excessively careful; painstaking; scrupulous. Martha Stewart was a meticulous housekeeper, fussing about each and every detail that went into making up her perfect home.

metropolis *N* राजधानी large city. Every evening the terminal is filled with thousands of commuters going from this metropolis to their homes in the suburbs.

mettle *N* उत्साह courage; spirit. When challenged by the other horses in the race, the thoroughbred proved its *mettle* by its determination to hold the lead.

miasma *N* भाप swamp gas; heavy, vaporous atmosphere, often emanating from decaying matter; pervasive corrupting influence. The smog hung over Victorian London like a dark cloud; noisome, reeking of decay, it was a visible miasma.

microcosm *N* मनुष्य का सूक्ष्म दर्शन small world; the world in miniature. The small village community that Jane Austen depicts serves as a microcosm of English society in her time, for in this small world we see all the social classes meeting and mingling.

migrant *ADJ* प्रवासी changing its habitat; wandering. These migrant birds return every spring. also *N*.

migratory *ADJ* घुमंतू wandering. The return of the migratory birds to the northern sections of this country is a harbinger of spring. migrate, *v*.

milieu *N* प्रतिवेश, वातावरण environment; means of expression. Surrounded by smooth preppies and arty bohemians, the country boy from Smalltown, USA, felt out of his milieu. Although he has produced excellent oil paintings and lithographs, his proper milieu is watercolor.

militant *ADJ* उग्रवादी combative; bellicose. Although at this time he was advocating a policy of neutrality, one could usually find him adopting a more militant attitude. also *N*.

mimicry *N* अनुकरण imitation. Her gift for mimicry was so great that her friends said that she should be in the theater.

mincing *ADJ* नखरेबाज़ affectedly dainty. Yum-Yum walked across the stage with *mincing* steps.

minuscule *ADJ* एक प्रकार का हस्तलेख extremely small. Why should I involve myself with a project with so minuscule a chance for success?

minute *ADJ* मिनट, बहुत छोटा extremely small. The twins resembled one another closely; only minute differences set them apart.

minutiae *N* ज़रा सी बात petty details. She would have liked to ignore the minutiae of daily living.

mirage *N* मृगतृष्णा unreal reflection; optical illusion. The lost prospector was fooled by a mirage in the desert.

mire *v* कीचड़ entangle; stick in swampy ground. Their rear wheels became mired in mud. also *N*.

mirth *N* प्रमोद merriment; laughter. Sober Malvolio found Sir Toby's mirth improper.

misanthrope *N* मानवद्वेषी one who hates mankind. In Gulliver's Travels, Swift portrays an image of humanity as vile, degraded beasts; for this reason, various critics consider him a *misanthrope*.

misapprehension *N* गलतफ़हमी error; misunderstanding. To avoid *misapprehension*, I am going to ask all of you to repeat the instructions I have given.

miscellany *N* मिश्रण mixture of writings on various subjects. This is an interesting miscellany of nineteenth-century prose and poetry.

mischance *N* आफ़त ill luck. By *mischance*, he lost his week's salary.

misconception *N* गलतफहमी mistaken idea. "Sir, you are suffering from a *misconception*. I do not wish to marry you in the least!"

misconstrue *V* गलत समझें interpret incorrectly; misjudge. She took the passage seriously rather than humorously because she *misconstrued* the author's ironic tone.

misdemeanor *N* दुष्कर्म minor crime. The culprit pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor rather than face trial for a felony.

miserly *ADJ* कृपण stingy; mean. Transformed by his vision on Christmas Eve, mean old Scrooge ceased being miserly and became a generous, kind old man.

misgivings *N* गलतफहमी doubts. Hamlet described his misgivings to Horatio but decided to fence with Laertes despite his foreboding of evil.

mishap *N* दुर्घटना accident. With a little care you could have avoided this mishap.

misnomer *N* मिथ्या नाम wrong name; incorrect designation. His tyrannical conduct proved to all that his nickname, King Eric the Just, was a misnomer.

misrepresent *V* मिथ्या अर्थ लेना give a false or incorrect impression, often deliberately; serve unsatisfactorily as a representative. In his job application, Milton misrepresented his academic background; he was fired when his employers discovered the truth. The reformers accused Senator Gunbucks of misrepresenting his constituents and claimed he took bribes from the NRA.

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missile *N* अस्त्र object to be thrown or projected. After carefully folding his book report into a paper airplane, Beavis threw the missile across the classroom at Butthead. Rocket scientists are building guided missiles; Beavis and Butthead can barely make unguided ones.

missive *N* राजनीतिक संदेश letter. The ambassador received a missive from the secretary of state.

mite *N* घुन very small object or creature; small coin. Gnats are annoying mites that sting.

mitigate *V* कम करना appease; moderate. Nothing Jason did could mitigate Medea's anger; she refused to forgive him for betraying her.

mnemonic *ADJ* स्मृति सहायक pertaining to memory. He used *mnemonic* tricks to master new words.

mobile *ADJ* मोबाइल movable; not fixed. The *mobile* blood bank operated by the Red Cross visited our neighborhood today. mobility, *N*.

mock *V* दिखावटी ridicule; imitate, often in derision. It is unkind to *mock* anyone; it is stupid to *mock* anyone significantly bigger than you. mockery, *N*.

mode *N* साधन, अंदाज़ prevailing style; manner; way of doing something. The rock star had to have her

hair done in the latest mode: frizzed, with occasional moussed spikes for variety. Henry plans to adopt a simpler mode of life: he is going to become a mushroom hunter and live off the land.

modicum *N* भोजन की थोड़ी मात्रा limited quantity. Although his story is based on a modicum of truth, most of the events he describes are fictitious.

modulate *V* मिलाना tone down in intensity; regulate; change from one key to another.

Always singing at the top of her lungs, the budding Brunhilde never learned to modulate her voice.

molecule *N* अणु the smallest particle (one or more atoms) of a substance, having all the properties of that substance. In chemistry, we study how atoms and molecules react to form new substances.

mollify *V* शमन करना soothe. The airline customer service representative tried to mollify the angry passenger by offering her a seat in first class.

molt *V* निर्मोचन करना shed or cast off hair or feathers. When Molly's canary molted, he shed feathers all over the house.

molten *ADJ* ढलवां melted. The city of Pompeii was destroyed by volcanic ash rather than by molten lava flowing from Mount Vesuvius.

momentous *ADJ* सब से अहम very important. When Marie and Pierre Curie discovered radium, they had no idea of

the momentous impact their discovery would have upon society.

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momentum *N* गति quantity of motion of a moving body; impetus. The car lost momentum as it tried to ascend the steep hill.

monarchy *N* साम्राज्य government under a single ruler. Though England today is a *monarchy*, there is some question whether it will be one in twenty years, given the present discontent at the prospect of Prince Charles as king.

monastic *ADJ* मठवासी related to monks or monasteries; removed from worldly concerns.

Withdrawing from the world, Thomas Merton joined a contemplative religious order and adopted the monastic life.

monetary *ADJ* मौद्रिक pertaining to money. Jane held the family purse strings: she made all monetary decisions affecting the household.

monochromatic *ADJ* एकरंगा having only one color. Most people who are color blind actually can distinguish several colors; some, however, have a truly *monochromatic* view of a world all in shades of gray.

monolithic *ADJ* अखंड solidly uniform; unyielding. Knowing the importance of appearing resolute, the patriots sought to present a *monolithic* front.

monosyllabic एकपदीय having only one syllable. No matter what he was asked, the taciturn New Englander answered with a *monosyllabic* "Yep" or "Nope." monosyllable, *N*.

monotony *N* एकरसता sameness leading to boredom. What could be more deadly dull than the *monotony* of punching numbers into a computer hour after hour?

montage *N* असेंबल photographic composition combining elements from different sources. In one early montage, Beauchamp brought together pictures of broken mannequins and newspaper clippings about the Vietnam War.

monumental *ADJ* स्मरणार्थ massive. Writing a dictionary is a monumental task.

moodiness *N* चिड़चिड़ापन fits of depression or gloom. Her recurrent moodiness left her feeling as if she had fallen into a black hole.

moratorium *N* रोक legal delay of payment. If we declare a moratorium and delay collection of debts for six months, I am sure the farmers will be able to meet their bills.

morbid *ADJ* रोगी given to unwholesome thought; moody; characteristic of disease. People who come to disaster sites just to peer at the grisly wreckage are indulging their *morbid* curiosity.

mores *N* आचार-विचार conventions; moral standards; customs. In America, Benazir Bhutto dressed as Western women did; in Pakistan, however, she followed the mores of her people, dressing in traditional veil and robes.

moribund *ADJ* मरणासन्न dying. Hearst took a *moribund*, failing weekly newspaper and transformed it into one of the liveliest, most profitable daily papers around.

morose *ADJ* उदास ill-humored; sullen; melancholy. Forced to take early retirement, Bill acted morose for months; then, all of a sudden, he shook off his sullen mood and was his usual cheerful self.

mortician *N* ताबूत बनानेवाला undertaker. The mortician prepared the corpse for burial.

mortify *V* अपमानित करना humiliate; punish the flesh. She was so mortified by her blunder that she ran to her room in tears.

mosaic *N* पच्चीकारी picture made of colorful small inlaid tiles. The mayor compared the city to a beautiful mosaic made up of people of every race and religion on earth.

mote *N* कण small speck. The tiniest mote in the eye is very painful.

motif *N* मूल भाव theme. This simple motif runs throughout the entire score.

motley *ADJ* पंचमेल multi-colored; mixed. The jester wore a motley tunic, red and green and blue and gold all patched together haphazardly. Captain Ahab had gathered a motley crew to sail the vessel: old sea dogs and runaway boys, pillars of the church and drunkards, even a tattooed islander who terrified the rest of the crew.

mottled *ADJ* विचित्र blotched in coloring; spotted. When old Falstaff blushed, his face was mottled with embarrassment, all pink and purple and red.

muddle *V* गड़बड़ी confuse; mix up. His thoughts were *muddled* and chaotic. also *N*.

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muggy *ADJ* तर और गरम warm and damp. August in New York City is often muggy.

multifaceted ADJ. बहुमुखी having many aspects. A multifaceted composer, Roger Davidson has recorded original pieces that range from ragtime tangos to choral masses.

multifarious ADJ. विविध varied; greatly diversified. A career woman and mother, she was constantly busy with the multifarious activities of her daily life.

multiform ADJ. अनेक आकार का having many forms. Snowflakes are multiform but always hexagonal.

multilingual ADJ. बहुभाषी having many languages. Because they are bordered by so many countries, the Swiss people are multilingual.

multiplicity N. बहुलता state of being numerous. He was appalled by the multiplicity of details he had to complete before setting out on his mission.

mundane ADJ. सांसारिक worldly as opposed to spiritual; everyday. Uninterested in philosophical or spiritual discussions, Tom talked only of *mundane* matters such as the daily weather forecast or the latest basketball results.

munificent ADJ. उदार very generous. Shamelessly fawning over a particularly generous donor, the dean kept on referring to her as "our *munificent* benefactor." munificence, N.

mural N. दीवार wall painting. The walls of the Chicano Community Center are covered with murals painted in the style of Diego Rivera, the great Mexican artist.

murky ADJ. बदली का dark and gloomy; thick with fog; vague. The murky depths of the swamp were so dark that one couldn't tell the vines and branches from the snakes.

muse V. सरस्वती ponder. For a moment he mused about the beauty of the scene, but his thoughts soon changed as he recalled his own personal problems. also N.

mushroom V. मशरूम expand or grow rapidly. Between 1990 and 1999, the population of Silicon Valley *mushroomed*; with the rapidly increasing demand for housing, home prices skyrocketed as well.

musky ADJ. कस्तूरी जैसा having the odor of musk. She left a trace of *musky* perfume behind her.

muster V. गिनती gather; assemble. Washington *mustered* his forces at Trenton. also N.

musty ADJ. बासी stale; spoiled by age. The attic was dark and musty.

mutability N. अस्थिरता ability to change in form; fickleness. Going from rags to riches, and then back to rags again, the bankrupt financier was a victim of the mutability of fortune.

muted ADJ. मौन silent; muffled; toned down. Thanks to the thick, sound-absorbing walls of the cathedral, only muted traffic noise reached the worshippers within.

mutinous ADJ. विद्रोही unruly; rebellious. The captain had to use force to quiet his *mutinous* crew. mutiny, N.

myopic ADJ. कमबीन nearsighted; lacking foresight. Stumbling into doors despite the coke bottle lenses on his glasses, the nearsighted Mr. Magoo is markedly *myopic*. In playing all summer long and ignoring to store up food for winter, the grasshopper in Aesop's fable was *myopic* as well.

myriad N. असंख्य very large number. *Myriads* of mosquitoes from the swamps invaded our village every twilight. also ADJ.

mystify V. रहस्यमय करना bewilder purposely. When doctors speak in medical jargon, they often mystify their patients, who have little knowledge of medical terminology.

nadir N. पतन lowest point. Although few people realized it, the Dow-Jones averages had reached their *nadir* and would soon begin an upward surge.

naiveté N. सरलता quality of being unsophisticated; simplicity; artlessness; gullibility. Touched by the *naiveté* of sweet, convent-trained Cosette, Marius pledges himself to protect her innocence. naïve, ADJ.

narcissist N. आत्मकामी conceited person; someone in love with his own image. A narcissist is her own best friend.

narrative ADJ. कथा related to telling a story. A born teller of tales, Tillie Olsen used her impressive narrative skills to advantage in her story "I Stand Here Ironing." narrate, V.

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nascent ADJ. नवजात incipient; coming into being. If we could identify these revolutionary movements in their *nascent* state, we would be able to eliminate serious trouble in later years.

natty ADJ. स्वच्छ neatly or smartly dressed. Priding himself on being a natty dresser, the gangster Bugsy Siegel collected a wardrobe of **imported suits and ties**.

Word List 32 nauseate-obsessive

nauseate v घृणा करना cause to become sick; fill with disgust. The foul smells began to nauseate him.

nautical ADJ समुद्री pertaining to ships or navigation. The Maritime Museum contains many models of clipper ships, logbooks, anchors and many other items of a nautical nature.

navigable ADJ जहाज़-रानी का wide and deep enough to allow ships to pass through; able to be steered. So much sand had built up at the bottom of the canal that the waterway was barely navigable.

nebulous ADJ अस्पष्ट vague; hazy; cloudy. After twenty years, she had only a *nebulous* memory of her grandmother's face.

necromancy N काला जादू black magic; dealings with the dead. The evil sorcerer performed feats of *necromancy*, calling on the spirits of the dead to tell the future.

nefarious ADJ कुटिल very wicked. The villain's crimes, though various, were one and all nefarious.

negate v नकारना cancel out; nullify; deny. A sudden surge of adrenaline can negate the effects of fatigue: there's nothing like a good shock to wake you up.

negligence N लापरवाही neglect; failure to take reasonable care. Tommy failed to put back the cover on the well after he fetched his pail of water; because of his negligence, Kitty fell in.

negligible ADJ नगण्य so small, trifling, or unimportant that it may be easily disregarded. Because the damage to his car had been negligible, Michael decided he wouldn't bother to report the matter to his insurance company.

nemesis N प्रतिशोध की देवी someone seeking revenge. Abandoned at sea in a small boat, the vengeful Captain Bligh vowed to be the nemesis of Fletcher Christian and his fellow mutineers.

neologism N नवनिर्मित प्रयोग new or newly coined word or phrase. As we invent new techniques and professions, we must also invent neologisms such as "microcomputer" and "astronaut" to describe them.

neophyte N नवछात्रा recent convert; beginner. This mountain slope contains slides that will challenge experts as well as neophytes.

nepotism N भाई-भतीजावाद favoritism (to a relative). John left his position with the company because he felt that advancement was based on *nepotism* rather than ability.

nettle v बिच्छू बूटी annoy; vex. Do not let him *nettle* you with his sarcastic remarks.

neutral तटस्थ impartial; not supporting one side over another. Reluctant to get mixed up in someone else's quarrel, Bobby tried to remain *neutral*, but eventually he had to take sides.

nicety N तुनुकमिज़ाजी precision; minute distinction. I cannot distinguish between such *niceties* of reasoning.

nihilist N शून्यवादी one who believes traditional beliefs to be groundless and existence meaningless; absolute skeptic; revolutionary terrorist. In his final days, Hitler revealed himself a power-mad *nihilist*, ready to annihilate all of Western Europe, even to destroy Germany itself, in order that his will might prevail. The root of the word *nihilist* is *nihil*, Latin for *nothing*. nihilism, N.

nip v चुटकी stop something's growth or development; snip off; bite; make numb with cold.

The twins were plotting mischief, but Mother intervened and *nipped* that plan in the bud. The gardener *nipped* off a lovely rose and gave it to me. Last week a guard dog *nipped* the postman in the leg; this week the extreme chill *nipped* his fingers till he could barely hold the mail.

nirvana N निर्वाण in Buddhist teachings, the ideal state in which the individual loses himself in the attainment of an impersonal beatitude. Despite his desire to achieve *nirvana*, the young Buddhist found that even the buzzing of a fly could distract him from his meditation.

nocturnal ADJ रात का done at night. Mr. Jones obtained a watchdog to prevent the *nocturnal* raids on his chicken coops.

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noisome ADJ दुर्गंध foul-smelling; unwholesome. The *noisome* atmosphere downwind of the oil refinery not only stank, it damaged the lungs of everyone living in the area.

nomadic ADJ घुमंतू wandering. Several *nomadic* tribes of Indians would hunt in this area each year.

nomenclature N शब्दावली terminology; system of names. Sharon found Latin word parts useful in translating medical *nomenclature*: when her son had to have a bilateral myringotomy, she figured out that he just needed a hole in each of his eardrums to end the earaches he had.

nominal ADJ. नाममात्र in name only; trifling. He offered to drive her to the airport for only a *nominal* fee.

nonchalance N. विरक्ति indifference; lack of concern; composure. Cool, calm, and collected under fire, James Bond shows remarkable *nonchalance* in the face of danger.

noncommittal ADJ बताने के लिये अनिच्छुक neutral; unpledged; undecided. We were annoyed by his *noncommittal* reply for we had been led to expect definite assurances of his approval.

nondescript ADJ. वर्णनातीत undistinctive; ordinary. The private detective was a short, *nondescript* fellow with no outstanding features, the sort of person one would never notice in a crowd.

nonentity N तुच्छता person of no importance; nonexistence. Because the two older princes dismissed their youngest brother as a *nonentity*, they did not realize that he was quietly plotting to seize the throne.

nonplus V उधेड़-बुन bring to halt by confusion; perplex. Jack's uncharacteristic rudeness *nonplussed* Jill, leaving her uncertain how to react.

nostalgia N विषाद homesickness; longing for the past. My grandfather seldom spoke of life in the old country; he had little patience with *nostalgia*. *nostalgic*, ADJ.

notable ADJ प्रसिद्ध conspicuous; important; distinguished. Normally *notable* for his calm in the kitchen, today the head cook was shaking, for the *notable* chef Julia Child was coming to dinner.

notoriety N बदनामी disrepute; ill fame. To the starlet, any publicity was good publicity: if she couldn't have a good reputation, she'd settle for *notoriety*. *notorious*, ADJ.

novelty N नवीनता something new; newness. The computer is no longer a *novelty* at work; every desk in our office has one. *novel*, ADJ.

novice N नौसिखिया beginner. Even a *novice* at working with computers can install *Barron's Computer Study Program for the SAT* by following the easy steps outlined in the user's manual.

noxious हानिकारक harmful. We must trace the source of these *noxious* gases before they asphyxiate us.

nuance N अति सूक्ष्म अंतर shade of difference in meaning or color; subtle distinction. Jody gazed at the Monet landscape for an hour, appreciating every subtle *nuance* of color in the painting.

nullify V व्यर्थ to make invalid. Once the contract was *nullified*, it no longer had any legal force.

numismatist N. मुद्राशास्त्री person who collects coins. The *numismatist* had a splendid collection of antique coins.

nuptial ADJ शादी related to marriage. Reluctant to be married in a traditional setting, they decided to hold their *nuptial* ceremony at the carousel in Golden Gate Park.

nurture V पालन - पोषण करना nourish; educate; foster. The Head Start program attempts to *nurture* pre-kindergarten children so that they will do well when they enter public school. also N.

nutrient N. पुष्टिकर nourishing substance. As a budding nutritionist, Kim has learned to design diets that contain foods rich in important basic nutrients.

oaf N भद्दा stupid, awkward person. "Watch what you're doing, you clumsy *oaf!*" Bill shouted at the waiter who had drenched him with iced coffee.

obdurate ADJ हठी stubborn. He was *obdurate* in his refusal to listen to our complaints.

obese ADJ मोटा fat. It is advisable that *obese* people try to lose weight.

obfuscate V अंधेरा करना confuse; muddle; cause confusion; make needlessly complex. Was the president's spokesman trying to clarify the Whitewater mystery, or was he trying to *obfuscate* the *issue* so the voters would never figure out what went on?

obituary ADJ शोक सन्देश death notice. I first learned of her death when I read the *obituary* column in the newspaper. also N.

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objective ADJ. लक्ष्य not influenced by emotions; fair. Even though he was her son, she tried to be *objective* about his behavior.

objective N लक्ष्य goal; aim. A degree in medicine was her ultimate *objective*.

obligatory ADJ अनिवार्य binding; required. It is *obligatory* that books borrowed from the library be returned within two weeks.

oblique ADJ परोक्ष indirect; slanting (deviating from the perpendicular or from a straight line). Casting a quick, *oblique* glance at the reviewing stand, the sergeant ordered the company to

march "*Oblique Right*."

obliterate v काटना destroy completely. The tidal wave *obliterated* several island villages,

oblivion n विस्मरण obscurity; forgetfulness. After a decade of popularity, Hurston's works had fallen into *oblivion*; no one bothered to read them any more.

oblivious ADJ बेखबर inattentive or unmindful; wholly absorbed. Deep in her book, Nancy was *oblivious* to the noisy squabbles of her brother and his friends.

obnoxious ADJ अप्रिय offensive. I find your behavior *obnoxious*; please mend your ways.

obscure ADJ अस्पष्ट dark; vague; unclear. Even after I read the poem a fourth time, its meaning was still *obscure*. obscurity, n.

obscure v अस्पष्ट /darken; make unclear. At times he seemed purposely to *obscure* his meaning, preferring mystery to clarity.

obsequious ADJ चापलूस slavishly attentive; servile; sycophantic. Helen liked to be served by people who behaved as if they respected themselves; nothing irritated her more than an excessively *obsequious* waiter or a fawning salesclerk.

obsessive ADJ जुनूनी related to thinking about something constantly; preoccupying. Ballet, which had been a hobby, began to dominate his life: his love of dancing became *obsessive*. obsession, n.

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obsolete ADJ अप्रचलित no longer useful; outmoded; antiquated. The invention of the pocket calculator made the slide rule used by generations of engineers *obsolete*.

obstetrician n दाई physician specializing in delivery of babies. In modern times, the delivery of children has passed from the midwife to the more scientifically trained *obstetrician*,

obstinate ADJ जिद्दी stubborn; hard to control or treat. We tried to persuade him to give up smoking, but he was *obstinate* and refused to change. Blackberry stickers are the most *obstinate* weeds I know: once established in a yard, they're extremely hard to root out. obstinacy, n.

obstreperous ADJ प्रचंड boisterous; noisy. What do you do when an *obstreperous* horde of drunken policemen goes carousing through your hotel, crashing into potted plants and singing vulgar songs?

obtrude v निकालना push (oneself or one's ideas) forward or intrude; butt in; stick out or extrude. Because Fanny was reluctant to *obtrude* her opinions about child-raising upon her daughter-in-law, she kept a close watch on her tongue. obtrusive, ADJ.

obtuse ADJ कुंठित blunt; stupid. What can you do with somebody who's so *obtuse* that he can't even tell that you're insulting him?

obviate v मुक्त हो जाना make unnecessary; get rid of. I hope this contribution will *obviate* any need for further collections of funds.

odious ADJ घिनौना hateful; vile. Cinderella's ugly stepsisters had the *odious* habit of popping their zits in public.

odium n. अपमान detestation; hatefulness; disrepute. Prince Charming could not express the *odium* he felt toward Cinderella's stepsisters because of their mistreatment of poor Cinderella.

odorous ADJ सुगंधित having an odor. This variety of hybrid tea rose is more *odorous* than the one you have in your garden.

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odyssey n. भ्रमण long, eventful journey. The refugee's journey from Cambodia was a terrifying *odyssey*.

offensive ADJ अपमानजनक attacking; insulting; distasteful. Getting into street brawls is no minor matter for professional boxers, who are required by law to restrict their *offensive* impulses to the ring.

offhand ADJ बेतकल्लुफ casual; done without prior thought. Expecting to be treated with due propriety by her hosts, Great-Aunt Maud was offended by their *offhand* manner.

officious ADJ परेशान करनेवाला meddlesome; excessively pushy in offering one's services. Judy wanted to look over the new computer models on her own, but the *officious* salesman kept on butting in with "helpful" advice until she was ready to walk out of the store.

ogle v घूरना look at amorously; make eyes at. At the coffee house, Walter was too shy to *ogle* the pretty girls openly; instead, he peeked out at them from behind a rubber plant.

olfactory *ADJ* सूंघनेवाला concerning the sense of smell. A wine taster must have a discriminating palate and a keen *olfactory* sense, for a good wine appeals both to the taste buds and to the nose.

oligarchy *N* कुलीनतंत्र government by a privileged few. One small clique ran the student council: what had been intended as a democratic governing body had turned into an *oligarchy*.

ominous *ADJ* अमंगल threatening. Those clouds are ominous; they suggest a severe storm is on the way.

omnipotent *ADJ* सर्वशक्तिमान all-powerful. The monarch regarded himself as *omnipotent* and responsible to no one for his acts.

omnipresent *ADJ* सर्व-भूत universally present; ubiquitous. On Christmas Eve, Santa Claus is *omnipresent*.

omniscient सर्वज्ञ all-knowing. I do not pretend to be *omniscient*, but I am positive about this fact.

omnivorous *ADJ* सर्व-भक्षक eating both plant and animal food; devouring everything. Some animals, including man, are *omnivorous* and eat both meat and vegetables; others are either carnivorous or herbivorous.

onerous *ADJ* कष्टदायक burdensome. He asked for an assistant because his work load was too onerous.

onset *N* शुरुआत beginning; attack. Caught unprepared by the sudden onset of the storm, we rushed around the house closing windows and bringing the garden furniture into shelter. Caught unprepared by the enemy *onset*, the troops scrambled to take shelter.

onus *N* भार burden; responsibility. The emperor was spared the onus of signing the surrender papers; instead, he relegated the assignment to his generals.

opalescent *ADJ* आपल का iridescent; lustrous. The oil slick on the water had an *opalescent*, rainbow-like sheen.

opaque *ADJ* न झिल्लड़ dark; not transparent. The *opaque* window shade kept the sunlight out of the room. opacity, *N*.

opiate *N* नशा medicine to induce sleep or deaden pain; something that relieves emotions or causes inaction. To say that religion is the opiate of the people is to condemn religion as a drug that keeps the people quiet and submissive to those in power.

opportune *ADJ* सामयिक timely; well-chosen. Sally looked at her father struggling to balance his checkbook; clearly this would not be an opportune moment to ask him for a raise in her allowance.

opportunist *N* अवसरवादी individual who sacrifices principles for expediency by taking advantage of circumstances. Joe is such an opportunist that he tripled the price of bottled water at his store as soon as the earthquake struck. Because it can break water pipes, an earthquake is, to most people, a disaster; to Joe, it was an opportunity.

optician *N* प्रकाशविज्ञानशास्त्री maker and seller of eyeglasses. The patient took the prescription given him by his oculist to the optician.

optimist *N* आशावादी person who looks on the good side. The pessimist says the glass is half-empty; the optimist says it is half-full.

optimum *ADJ* अनुकूलतम most favorable. If you wait for the optimum moment to act, you may never begin your project. also *N*.

optional *ADJ* ऐच्छिक not obligatory; left to one's choice. Most colleges require applicants to submit SAT I scores;

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at some colleges, however, submitting SAT I scores is optional.

opulence *N* अधिकता extreme wealth; luxuriousness; abundance. The glitter and *opulence* of the ballroom took Cinderella's breath away. opulent, *ADJ*.

opus *N* रचना work. Although many critics hailed his Fifth Symphony as his major work, he did not regard it as his major opus.

oracular *ADJ* पेशीनगोई का prophetic; uttered as if with divine authority; mysterious or ambiguous. Like many others who sought divine guidance from the oracle at Delphi, Oedipus could not understand the enigmatic oracular warning he received.

orator *N* वक्ता public speaker. The abolitionist Frederick Douglass was a brilliant orator whose speeches brought home to his audience the evils of slavery.

ordain v हुक्म देना decree or command; grant holy orders; predestine. The king *ordained* that no foreigner should be allowed to enter the city. The Bishop of Michigan *ordained* David a deacon in the Episcopal Church. The young lovers felt that fate had *ordained* their meeting.

ordeal n परख severe trial or affliction. June was so painfully shy that it was an *ordeal* for her to speak up when the teacher called on her in class.

ordinance n अध्यादेश decree. Passing a red light is a violation of a city *ordinance*.

ordination n समन्वय ceremony making someone a minister. At the young priest's *ordination*, the members of the congregation presented him with a set of vestments. *ordain*, v.

orgy n तांडव wild, drunken revelry; unrestrained indulgence in a tendency. The Roman emperor's *orgies* were far wilder than the toga party in the movie *Animal House*. When her income tax refund check finally arrived, Sally indulged in an *orgy* of shopping.

orient v पूरबी get one's bearings; adjust. Philip spent his first day in Denver *orienting* himself to the city.

orientation n उन्मुखीकरण act of finding oneself in society. Freshman *orientation* provides the incoming students with an opportunity to learn about their new environment and their place in it.

ornate adj सरूप excessively or elaborately decorated. With its elaborately carved, convoluted lines, furniture of the Baroque period was highly *ornate*.

ornithologist n पक्षी विज्ञानी scientific student of birds. Audubon's drawings of American bird life have been of interest not only to the *ornithologists* but also to the general public.

ornithology n पक्षीविज्ञान study of birds. Audubon's studies of American birds greatly influenced the course of *ornithology*.

orthodox adj रूढ़िवादी traditional; conservative in belief. Faced with a problem, he preferred to take an *orthodox* approach rather than shock anyone. *orthodoxy*, n.

oscillate v. थरथराना vibrate pendulumlike; waver. It is interesting to note how public opinion *oscillates* between the extremes of optimism and pessimism.

ossify v हड्डी बन जाना change or harden into bone. When he called his opponent a "bonehead," he implied that his adversary's brain had *ossified* to the point that he was incapable of clear thinking.

ostensible adj खयाली apparent; professed; pretended. Although the *ostensible* purpose of this expedition is to discover new lands, we are really interested in finding new markets for our products.

ostentatious adj. दिखावटी showy; pretentious; trying to attract attention. Donald Trump's latest casino in Atlantic City is the most *ostentatious* gambling palace in the East: it easily outglitters its competitors. *ostentation*, n.

ostracize v समाज से बाहर निकालना exclude from public favor; ban. As soon as the newspapers carried the story of his connection with the criminals, his friends began to *ostracize* him. *ostracism*, n.

oust v. बाहर निकालना expel; drive out. The world wondered if Aquino would be able to *oust* Marcos from office. *ouster*, n.

outlandish adj विदेशी bizarre; peculiar; unconventional. The eccentric professor who engages in markedly *outlandish* behavior is a stock figure in novels with an academic setting.

outmoded adj पुराने ढंग का longer stylish; old-fashioned. Unconcerned about keeping in style, Lenore was perfectly happy to wear *outmoded* clothes as long as they were clean and unfrayed.

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outskirts n सरहद fringes; outer borders. We lived, not in central London, but in one of those peripheral suburbs that spring up on the outskirts of a great city.

outspoken adj मुखर blunt. The candidate was too *outspoken* to be a successful politician; he had not yet learned to weigh his words carefully.

outstrip v आगे बढ़ना surpass; outdo. Jesse Owens easily *outstripped* his white competitors to win the gold medal at the Olympic Games.

outwit चतुरता में मात देना outsmart; trick. By disguising himself as an old woman, Holmes was able to *outwit* his pursuers and escape capture.

ovation n जयध्वनि enthusiastic applause. When the popular tenor Placido Domingo came on stage in the first act of *La Boheme*, he was greeted by a tremendous *ovation*.

overbearing adj रोबदार bossy and arrogant; decisively important. Certain of her own importance, and of the unimportance of everyone else, Lady Bracknell was intolerably *overbearing* in her manner. "In

choosing a husband," she said, "good birth is of *overbearing* importance; compared to that, neither wealth nor talent signifies."

overt **ADJ** अपरोक्ष open to view. According to the United States Constitution, a person must commit an overt act before he may be tried for treason.

overwrought **ADJ** अतिव्यग्र extremely agitated; hysterical. When Kate heard the news of the sudden tragedy, she became too overwrought to work and had to leave the office early.

pachyderm **N** मोटे चमड़े का जानवर thick-skinned animal. The elephant is probably the best-known *pachyderm*.

pacifist **N** शांतिवादी one opposed to force; antimilitarist. Shooting his way through the jungle, Rambo was clearly not a pacifist.

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pacify **V** शांत करना soothe; make calm or quiet; subdue. Dentists criticize the practice of giving fussy children sweets to pacify them.

pact **N** संधि agreement; treaty. Tweedledum and Tweedledee made a pact not to quarrel anymore.

paean **N** विजय का गीत song of praise or joy. *Paeans* celebrating the victory filled the air.

painstaking **ADJ** श्रमसाध्य showing hard work; taking-Dreat care. The new high-frequency word list is the result of *painstaking* efforts on the part of our research staff.

palatable **ADJ** स्वादिष्ट agreeable; pleasing to the taste. Neither Jack's underbaked opinions nor his overcooked casseroles were palatable to Jill.

paleontology **N** जीवाश्म विज्ञान study of prehistoric life. The *paleontology* instructor had a superb collection of fossils.

palette **N** पटिया board on which painter mixes pigments. At the present time, art supply stores are selling a paper *palette* that may be discarded after use.

pall **V** कष्ट देना grow tiresome. The study of word lists can eventually pall and put one to sleep.

palliate **V** कम करना lessen the violence of (a disease); alleviate; moderate intensity; gloss over with excuses. Not content merely to palliate the patient's sores and cankers, the researcher sought a means of wiping out the disease. *palliative*, **ADJ**.

pallid **ADJ** पीला pale; wan. Because his job required that he work at night and sleep during the day, he had an exceptionally pallid complexion.

palpable **ADJ** स्पर्शनीय tangible; easily perceptible; unmistakable. The patient's enlarged spleen was *palpable*: even the first year medical student could feel it.

palpitate **V** धड़कना throb; flutter. As he became excited, his heart began to palpitate more and more erratically.

paltry **ADJ** तुच्छ insignificant; petty; trifling. One hundred dollars for a genuine imitation Rolex watch! Lady, this is a paltry sum to pay for such a high-class piece of jewelry.

pan **V** कड़ाही criticize harshly. Hoping for a rave review of his new show, the playwright was

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miserable when the critics *panned* it unanimously.

panacea **N** रामबाण cure-all; remedy for all diseases. The rich youth cynically declared that the panacea for all speeding tickets was a big enough bribe.

panache **N** कलङ्गी flair; flamboyance. Many performers imitate Noel Coward, but few have his *panache* and sense of style.

pandemic **ADJ** महामारी widespread; affecting the majority of people. They feared the AIDS epidemic would soon reach *pandemic* proportions.

pandemonium **N** विप्लव wild tumult. When the ships collided in the harbor, pandemonium broke out among the passengers.

pander **V** बढ़ावा देना cater to the low desires of others. The reviewer accused the makers of *Lethal* Weapon of pandering to the masses' taste for violence.

panegyric **N** स्तुतिपाठ formal praise. Blushing at all the praise heaped upon him by the speakers, the modest hero said, "I don't deserve such panegyrics."

panoramic **ADJ** मनोरम to an unobstructed and comprehensive view. On a clear day, from the top of the World Trade Center you can get a panoramic view of New York City and parts of New Jersey and

Long Island. panorama, **N**.

pantomime **N** मूकभिनय acting without dialogue. Because he worked in pantomime, the clown could be understood wherever he appeared. also **v**.

papyrus **N** भोजपत्र ancient paper made from stem of papyrus plant. The ancient Egyptians were among the first to write on papyrus.

parable **N** दृष्टांत short, simple story teaching a moral. Let us apply to our own conduct the lesson that this *parable* teaches.

paradigm **N** मिसाल model; example; pattern. Pavlov's experiment in which he trains a dog to salivate on hearing a bell is a paradigm of the conditioned-response experiment in behavioral psychology. Barron's How to Prepare for College *Entrance Examinations* was a paradigm for all the SAT-prep books that followed.

paradox **N** विरोधाभास something apparently contradictory in nature; statement that looks false but is actually correct. Richard presents a bit of a paradox, for he is a card-carrying member of both the National Rifle Association and the relatively pacifist American Civil Liberties Union.

paragon **N** प्रतिद्वंद्वी model of perfection. Her fellow students disliked Lavinia because Miss Minchin always pointed her out as a paragon of virtue.

parallelism **N** समानता state of being parallel; similarity. Although the twins were separated at birth and grew up in different adoptive families, a striking parallelism exists between their lives.

paramount **ADJ** आला दर्जे का foremost in importance; supreme. Proper nutrition and hygiene are of paramount importance in adolescent development and growth.

paranoia **N** पागलपन psychosis marked by delusions of grandeur or persecution. Suffering from paranoia, Don claimed everyone was out to get him; ironically, his claim was accurate: even *parano ids* have enemies.

paraphernalia **N** सामग्री equipment; odds and ends. His desk was cluttered with paper, pen, ink, dictionary and other *paraphernalia* of the writing craft.

paraphrase **V** संक्षिप्त व्याख्या restate a passage in one's own words while retaining thought of author. In 250 words or less, paraphrase this article. also **N**.

parasite **N** परजीवी animal or plant living on another; toady; sycophant. The tapeworm is an example of the kind of parasite that may infest the human body.

parched **ADJ** सूखा extremely dry; very thirsty. The *parched* desert landscape seemed hostile to life.

pariah **N** खारिज social outcast. If everyone ostracized singer Mariah Carey, would she then be Mariah the pariah?

parity **N** समानता equality in status or amount; close resemblance. Unfortunately, some doubt exists whether women's salaries will ever achieve parity with men's.

parochial **ADJ** संकीर्ण narrow in outlook; provincial; related to parishes. Although Jane Austen sets her

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novels in small rural communities, her concerns are universal, not parochial,

parody **N** हास्यानुकृति humorous imitation; spoof; takeoff; travesty. The show *Forbidden Broadway* presents parodies spoofing the year's new productions playing on Broadway.

paroxysm **N** आवेग fit or attack of pain, laughter, rage. When he heard of his son's misdeeds, he was seized by a paroxysm of rage.

parry **V** बचाव ward off a blow; deflect. Unwilling to injure his opponent in such a pointless clash, Dartagnan simply tried to parry his rival's thrusts. What fun it was to watch Katherine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy parry each other's verbal thrusts in their classic screwball comedies!

parsimony **N** बचत stinginess; excessive frugality. Furious because her father wouldn't let her buy out the clothing store, Annie accused him of parsimony.

partial **ADJ** आंशिक incomplete; having a liking for something. In this issue we have published only a partial list of contributors because we lack space to acknowledge everyone. I am extremely partial to chocolate eclairs.

partiality **N** पक्षपात inclination; bias. As a judge, not only must I be unbiased, but I must also avoid any evidence of partiality when I award the prize.

partisan **ADJ** पक्षपातपूर्ण one-sided; prejudiced; committed to a party. On certain issues of principle, she refused to take a partisan stand, but let her conscience be her guide. Rather than joining forces to solve our nation's problems, the Democrats and Republicans spend their time on partisan struggles. also **N**.

partition *v* विभाजन divide into parts. Before their second daughter was born, Jason and Lizzie decided each child needed a room of her own, and so they *partitioned* a large bedroom into two small but separate rooms. also *n*.

passive *ADJ* निष्क्रिय not active; acted upon. Mahatma Gandhi urged his followers to pursue a program of passive resistance as he felt that it was more effective than violence and acts of terrorism.

passport *n* निकासी की चिट्ठी , अभ्यपत्र legal document identifying the bearer as a citizen of a country and allowing him or her to travel abroad. In arranging your first trip abroad, be sure to allow yourself enough time to apply for and receive your passport you won't be allowed to travel without one.

pastiche *n* मिलावट imitation of another's style in musical composition or in writing. We cannot even say that her music is a: pastiche of this composer or that; it is, rather, reminiscent of many musicians.

pastoral *ADJ* देहाती rural. In these stories of pastoral life, we find an understanding of the daily tasks of country folk.

patent *ADJ* प्रत्यक्ष open for the public to read; obvious. It was patent to everyone that the witness spoke the truth. also *n*.

pathetic *ADJ* दयनीय causing sadness, compassion, pity; touching. Everyone in the auditorium was weeping by the time he finished his pathetic tale about the orphaned boy.

Pathological रोगविज्ञान संबंधी related to the study of disease; diseased or markedly abnormal. Jerome's pathological fear of germs led him to wash his hands a hundred times a day. pathology, *n*.

pathos *n* हौसला tender sorrow; pity; quality in art or literature that produces these feelings. The quiet tone of pathos that ran through the novel never degenerated into the maudlin or the overly sentimental.

patina *n* पुराने कसकुट पर का हरा रंग green crust on old bronze works; tone slowly taken by varnished painting. Judging by the patina on this bronze statue, we can conclude that this is the work of a medieval artist.

patriarch *n*. कुलपति father and ruler of a family or tribe. In many primitive tribes, the leader and lawmaker was the patriarch.

patrician *ADJ* कुलीन noble; aristocratic. We greatly admired her well-bred, patrician elegance. also *n*.

patronize *v* सहायता देना support; act superior toward; be a customer of. Penniless artists hope to find some wealthy art-lover who *will* patronize them. If some condescending wine steward *patronized* me because he saw I knew nothing about fine wine, I'd refuse to *patronize* his restaurant.

paucity *n* कमी scarcity. They closed the restaurant because the *paucity* of customers made it uneconomical to operate.

pauper *n*. कंगाल very poor person. Though Widow Brown was living on a reduced income, she

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was by no means a *pauper*.

peccadillo *n* अवगुण slight offense. When Peter Piper picked a peck of Polly Potter's pickles, did Pete commit a major crime or just a *peccadillo*?

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pecuniary *ADJ* धन-संबंधी pertaining to money. Seldom earning enough to cover their expenses, folk dance teachers work because they love dancing, not because they expect any *pecuniary* reward.

pedagogy *n*. शिक्षा शास्त्र teaching; art of education. Though Maria Montessori gained fame for her innovations in *pedagogy*, it took years before her teaching techniques were common practice in American schools.

pedant *n*. रूढ़िवादी scholar who overemphasizes book learning or technicalities. Her insistence that the book be memorized marked the teacher as a *pedant* rather than a scholar.

pedantic *ADJ* पंडिताऊ showing off learning; bookish. Leavening his decisions with humorous, down-to-earth anecdotes, Judge Walker was not at all the *pedantic* legal scholar. pedant, pedantry, *n*.

pedestrian *ADJ* पैदल यात्री ordinary; unimaginative. Unintentionally boring, he wrote page after page of *pedestrian* prose.

pediatrician *n*. बच्चों का चिकित्सक expert in children's diseases. The family doctor advised the parents to consult a *pediatrician* about their child's ailment.

peerless *ADJ* अद्वितीय having no equal; incomparable. The reigning operatic tenor of his generation, to his admirers Luciano Pavarotti was peerless: no one could compare with him.

pejorative *ADJ* अपमानजनक negative in connotation; having a belittling effect. Instead of criticizing Clinton's policies, the Republicans made *pejorative* remarks about his character.

pellucid *ADJ* पारदर्शक transparent; limpid; easy to understand. After reading these stodgy philosophers, I find Bertrand Russell's *pellucid* style very enjoyable.

penchant *N* लगन strong inclination; liking. Dave has a *penchant* for taking risks: one semester he went steady with three girls, two of whom were stars on the school karate team.

pendant *N* लटकन ornament (hanging from a necklace, etc.) The grateful team presented the coach with a silver chain and *pendant* engraved with the school's motto.

penitent *ADJ* अनुतापी repentant. When he realized the enormity of his crime, he became remorseful and penitent, also *N*.

pensive *ADJ* चिंताग्रस्त dreamily thoughtful; thoughtful with a hint of sadness; contemplative. The *pensive* lover gazed at the portrait of his beloved and deeply sighed.

penury *N* दरिद्रता severe poverty; stinginess. When his pension fund failed, George feared he would end his days in penury. He became such a penny pincher that he turned into a closefisted, penurious miser.

perceptive *ADJ* भेदक insightful; aware; wise. Although Maud was a generally perceptive critic, she had her blind spots: she could never see flaws in the work of her friends.

percussion *ADJ* टक्कर striking one object against another sharply. The drum is a percussion instrument. also *N*.

perdition *N* तबाही damnation; complete ruin. Praying for salvation, young Steven Daedalus feared he was damned to eternal *perdition*.

peregrination *N* सफ़र journey. Auntie Mame was a world traveler whose *peregrinations* took her from Tijuana to Timbuctoo.

peremptory *ADJ* आज्ञासूचक demanding and leaving no choice. From Jack's *peremptory* knock on the door, Jill could tell he would not give up until she let him in.

perennial *N* चिरस्थायी something that is continuing or recurrent. These plants are hardy *perennials* and will bloom for many years. also *ADJ*.

perfidious *ADJ* बेवफ़ा treacherous; disloyal. When Caesar realized that Brutus had betrayed him, he reproached his perfidious friend. perfidy, *N*.

perforate *V* आर-पार जाना pierce; put a hole through. Before you can open the aspirin bottle, you must first perforate the plastic safety seal that covers the cap.

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perfunctory *ADJ* असावधान superficial; not thorough; lacking interest, care, or enthusiasm. The auditor's *perfunctory* inspection of the books overlooked many errors. Giving the tabletop only a *perfunctory* swipe with her dust cloth, Betty promised herself she'd clean it more thoroughly tomorrow.

perimeter *N* परिधि outer boundary. To find the perimeter of any quadrilateral, we add the lengths of the four sides.

peripheral *ADJ* परिधीय marginal; outer. We lived, not in central London, but in one of those *peripheral* suburbs that spring up on the outskirts of a great city.

periphery *N* उपनगर edge, especially of a round surface. He sensed that there was something just beyond the *periphery* of his vision.

perjury *N* झूठा साक्ष्य false testimony while under oath. Rather than lie under oath and perhaps be indicted for *perjury*, the witness chose to take the Fifth Amendment, refusing to answer any questions on the grounds that he might incriminate himself.

permeable *ADJ* प्रवेश के योग्य penetrable; porous; allowing liquids or gas to pass through. If your jogging clothes weren't made out of *permeable* fabric, you'd drown in your own perspiration (figuratively speaking).

permeate *V* चूना pass through; spread. The odor of frying onions *permeated* the air.

pernicious *ADJ* तेज़ very destructive. Crack cocaine has had a *pernicious* effect on urban society: it has destroyed families, turned children into drug dealers, and increased the spread of violent crimes.

perpetrate *V* पाप करना commit an offense. Only an insane person could perpetrate such a horrible crime.

perpetual *ADJ* लगातार everlasting. Ponce de Leon hoped to find the legendary fountain of *perpetual* youth.

perpetuate v यादगार बनाना make something last; preserve from extinction. Some critics attack *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* because they believe Twain's book perpetuates a false image of Blacks in this country.

perquisite n रिआयत any gain above stipulated salary. The *perquisites* attached to this job make it even more attractive than the salary indicates.

persona n व्यक्ति public personality or facade. Offstage the comedian was a sullen, irritable grumbler, a far cry from his ever-cheerful adopted stage *persona*.

personable adj चित्ताकर्षक attractive. The man I am seeking to fill this position must be *personable* since he will be representing us before the public.

perspicacious adj भेदक having insight; penetrating; astute. The brilliant lawyer was known for his *perspicacious* deductions. *perspicacity*, n.

pert adj फूलदार impertinent; forward. I think your *pert* and impudent remarks call for an apology.

pertinacious adj आग्रही stubborn; persistent. He is bound to succeed because his *pertinacious* nature will not permit him to quit.

pertinent adj उचित To the point; relevant. Virginia Woolf's words on women's rights are as pertinent today as they were when she wrote them nearly a century ago.

perturb v घबड़ा देना disturb greatly. The thought that electricity might be leaking out of the empty light bulb sockets *perturbed* my aunt so much that at night she crept about the house screwing fresh bulbs in the vacant spots. *perturbation*, n.

peruse v सोचना read with care. After the conflagration that burned down her house, Joan closely *perused* her home insurance policy to discover exactly what benefits her coverage provided her. *perusal*, n.

pervasive adj व्यापक pervading; spread throughout every part. Despite airing them for several hours, Martha could not rid her clothes of the pervasive odor of mothballs that clung to them. *pervade*, v.

perverse adj विकृत stubbornly wrongheaded; wicked and perverted. When Jack was in a *perverse* mood, he would do the opposite of whatever Jill asked him. When Hannibal Lecter was in a *perverse* mood, he ate the flesh of his victims. Jack acted out of perversity. Hannibal's act proved his perversion.

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pessimism n निराशावाद belief that life is basically bad or evil; gloominess. Considering how well you have done in the course so far, you have no real reason for such *pessimism* about your final grade.

petrify v पत्थर बनाना turn to stone. His sudden and unexpected appearance seemed to *petrify* her.

petty adj क्षुद्र trivial; unimportant; very small. She had no major complaints to make about his work, only a few *petty* quibbles that were almost too minor to state.

petulant adj ठीठ touchy; peevish. If you'd had hardly any sleep for three nights and people kept phoning and waking you up, you'd sound pretty *petulant*, too.

phenomena n घटना observable facts; subjects of scientific investigation. We kept careful records of the *phenomena* we noted in the course of these experiments.

philanderer n पुच्छलगा faithless lover; flirt. Swearing he had never so much as looked at another woman, Ralph assured Alice he was no *philanderer*.

Word List 36 philanthropist-precedent

philanthropist n लोकोपकारक lover of mankind; doer of good. In his role as *philanthropist* and public benefactor, John D. Rockefeller, Sr., donated millions to charity; as an individual, however, he was a tight-fisted old man.

philistine n अशिक्षित narrow-minded person, uncultured and exclusively interested in material gain. We need more men of culture and enlightenment; we have too many *philistines* among us.

philology n भाषाशास्त्र study of language. The professor of philology advocated the use of Esperanto as an international language.

phlegmatic adj सुस्त calm; not easily disturbed. The nurse was a cheerful but *phlegmatic* person, unexcited in the face of sudden emergencies.

phobia *N* भय morbid fear. Her fear of flying was more than mere nervousness; it was a real *phobia*.

phoenix *N* अचंभा symbol of immortality or rebirth. Like the legendary *phoenix* rising from its ashes, the city of San Francisco rose again after its destruction during the 1906 earthquake.

phylum *N* जाति major class of plants; primary branch of animal kingdom; division. In sorting out her hundreds of packets of seeds, Katya decided to file them by *phylum*.

physiological शारीरिक pertaining to the science of the function of living organisms. To understand this disease fully, we must examine not only its physiological aspects but also its psychological elements.

picaresque *ADJ* पाखंडी pertaining to rogues in literature. Tom Jones has been hailed as one of the best picaresque novels in the English language.

piebald *ADJ* चितकबरा mottled; spotted. You should be able to identify Polka Dot in this race; it is the only *piebald* horse running.

piecemeal *ADV* क्रम से one piece at a time; gradually. Tolstoy's *War and Peace* is too huge to finish in one sitting; I'll have to read it piecemeal.

pie *ADJ* विचित्र variegated; multicolored. The *Pied* Piper of Hamelin got his name from the multicolored clothing he wore.

piety *N* शील religious devotion; godliness. The nuns in the convent were noted for their piety; they spent their days in worship and prayer. Pious, *ADJ*.

pigment *N* रंग coloring matter. Van Gogh mixed various pigments with linseed oil to create his paints.

pillage *V* लूट का माल plunder. The enemy *pillaged* the quiet village and left it in ruins.

pine *V* देवदार languish, decline; long for, yearn. Though she tried to be happy living with Clara in the city, Heidi *ined* for the mountains and for her gruff but loving grandfather.

pinnacle *N* शिखर peak. We could see the morning sunlight illuminate the pinnacle while the rest of the mountain lay in shadow.

pious *ADJ* पवित्र devout; religious. The challenge for church people today is how to be pious in the best sense, that is, to be devout without becoming hypocritical or sanctimonious. piety, *N*.

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piquant *ADJ* सरस pleasantly tart-tasting; stimulating. The piquant sauce added to our enjoyment of the meal. piquancy, *N*.

pique *N* मनमुटाव irritation; resentment. She showed her pique at her loss by refusing to appear with the other contestants at the end of the competition. also *V*.

pique *V* अभिमान करना provoke or arouse; annoy. "I know something you don't know," said Lucy, trying to *pique* Ethel's interest.

pitfall *N* खतरा hidden danger; concealed trap. Her parents warned young Sophie against the many pitfalls that lay in wait for her in the dangerous big city.

pithy *ADJ* अर्थपूर्ण concise; meaningful; substantial; meaty. While other girls might have gone on and on about how uncool Elton was, Liz summed it up in one pithy remark: "He's bogus!"

pittance *N* देन a small allowance or wage. He could not live on the pittance he received as a pension and had to look for an additional source of revenue.

pivotal *ADJ* केंद्रीय crucial; key; vital. The new "smart weapons" technology played a pivotal role in the quick resolution of the war with Iraq.

placate *V* तसल्ली देना pacify; conciliate. The store manager tried to placate the angry customer, offering to replace the damaged merchandise or to give back her money right away.

placebo *N* कूटभेषज harmless substance prescribed as a dummy pill. In a controlled experiment, fifty volunteers were given aspirin tablets; the control group received only *placebos*.

placid *ADJ* सौम्य peaceful; calm. After his vacation in this placid section, he felt soothed and rested.

plagiarism *N* साहित्यिक चोरी theft of another's ideas or writings passed off as original. The editor recognized the plagiarism and rebuked the culprit who had presented the manuscript as original.

plagiarize *V* दूसरे के ग्रंथ में से चोरी करना steal another's ideas and pass them off as one's own. The teacher could tell that the student had *plagiarized* parts of his essay; she could recognize whole paragraphs straight from Barron's *Book Notes*.

plaintive *ADJ* दर्दनाक mournful. The dove has a plaintive and melancholy call.

plasticity *N* सुनम्यता ability to be molded. When clay dries out, it loses its plasticity and becomes less malleable.

platitude *N* साधारण बात trite remark; commonplace statement. In giving advice to his son, old Polonius expressed himself only in *platitudes*; every word out of his mouth was a commonplace.

plaudit *N* करतलध्वनि enthusiastically worded approval; round of applause. The theatrical company reprinted the *plaids* of the critics in its advertisements. *plauditory*, *ADJ.*

plausible *ADJ* प्रशंसनीय having a show of truth but open to doubt; specious. Your mother made you stay home from school because she needed you to program the VCR? I'm sorry, you'll have to come up with a more *plausible* excuse than that.

plenitude *N* विपुलता abundance; completeness. Looking in the pantry, we admired the *plenitude* of fruits and pickles we had preserved during the summer.

plethora *N* बहुतायत excess; overabundance. She offered a plethora of excuses for her shortcomings.

pliable *ADJ* लचीला flexible; yielding; adaptable. In remodeling the bathroom, we have replaced all the old, rigid lead pipes with new, pliable copper tubing.

pliant *ADJ* कोमल flexible; easily influenced. Pinocchio's disposition was pliant, he was like putty in his tempters' hands.

plight *N* दुर्दशा condition, state (especially a bad state or condition); predicament. Many people feel that the federal government should do more to alleviate the plight of the homeless. Loggers, unmoved by the plight of the spotted owl, plan to continue logging whether or not they ruin the owl's habitat.

plumb *ADJ.* साहुल checking perpendicularity; vertical. Before hanging wallpaper it is advisable to drop a plumb line from the ceiling as a guide. also *N.* and *V.*

plumage *N* पक्षति feathers of a bird. Bird watchers identify different species of bird by their characteristic songs and distinctive plumage.

plummet *V* सीसे का भार fall sharply. Stock prices *plummeted* as Wall Street reacted to the crisis in the economy.

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plutocracy *N* धनिक तन्त्र society ruled by the wealthy. From the way the government caters to the rich, you might think our society is a plutocracy rather than a democracy.

podiatrist *N.* पादचिकित्सा doctor who treats ailments of the feet. He consulted a podiatrist about his fallen arches.

podium *N* मंच pedestal; raised platform. The audience applauded as the conductor made his way to the podium.

poignancy *N* मार्मिकता quality of being deeply moving; keenness of emotion. Watching the tearful reunion of the long-separated mother and child, the social worker was touched by the poignancy of the scene. *poignant*, *ADJ.*

polarize *V* फूट डालना split into opposite extremes or camps. The abortion issue has *polarized* the country into pro-choice and anti-abortion camps. *polarization*, *N.*

polemical *ADJ* विवादात्मक aggressive in verbal attack; disputatious. Lexy was a master of polemical rhetoric; she should have worn a T-shirt with the slogan "Born to Debate."

politic *ADJ* व्यवहार-कुशल expedient; prudent; well advised. Even though he was disappointed by the size of the bonus he was offered, he did not think it politic to refuse it.

polygamist *N* बहुपत्नीवादी one who has more than one spouse at a time. He was arrested as a polygamist when his two wives filed complaints about him.

polyglot *ADJ* बहुभाषी speaking several languages. New York City is a polyglot community because of the thousands of immigrants who settle there.

pomposity *N* भव्य self-important behavior; acting like a stuffed shirt. Although the commencement speaker had some good things to say, we had to laugh at his pomposity and general air of parading his own dignity. *POMPOUS*, *ADJ.*

ponderous *ADJ.* कष्टकारक weighty; unwieldy. His humor lacked the light touch; his jokes were always *ponderous*.

pontifical *ADJ* बिशप का pertaining to a bishop or pope; pompous or pretentious. From his earliest days at the seminary, John seemed destined for a high pontifical office. However, he sounded so pompous

when he *pontificated* that he never was chosen *pontiff* after all.

pore *v* ध्यान में लीन होना study industriously; ponder; scrutinize. Determined to become a physician, Beth spent hours poring over her anatomy text.

porous *ADJ* झरझरा full of pores; like a sieve. Dancers like to wear porous clothing because it allows the ready passage of water and air.

portend *v* संकेत मिलता foretell; presage. The king did not know what these omens might *portend* and asked his soothsayers to interpret them.

portent *N* पूर्वसूचना sign; omen; forewarning. He regarded the black cloud as a portent of evil.

portly *ADJ* स्थूल stately; stout. The overweight gentleman was referred to as portly by the polite salesclerk.

poseur *N* दिखावा करने वाला person who pretends to be sophisticated, elegant, etc., to impress others. Some thought Salvador Dali was a brilliant painter; others dismissed him as a poseur.

posterity *N* भावी पीढ़ी descendants; future generations. We hope to leave a better world to posterity.

posthumous मरणोत्तर after death (as of child born after

father's death or book published after author's death). The critics ignored his works during his lifetime; it was only after the posthumous publication of his last novel that they recognized his great talent.

postulate *N* मांगना essential premise; underlying assumption. The basic postulate of democracy, set forth in the Declaration of Independence, is that all men are created equal.

potable *ADJ* पीने योग्य suitable for drinking. The recent drought in the Middle Atlantic states has emphasized the need for extensive research in ways of making sea water *potable*. also *N*.

potent *ADJ* प्रबल powerful; persuasive; greatly influential. Looking at the expiration date on the cough syrup bottle, we wondered whether the medication would still be *potent*. potency, *N*.

potentate *N* महाराजा monarch; sovereign. The *potentate* spent more time at Monte Carlo than he did at home on his throne.

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potential *ADJ* क्षमता expressing possibility; latent. This juvenile delinquent is a *potential* murderer. also *N*.

potion *N* शरबत dose (of liquid). Tristan and Isolde drink a love *potion* in the first act of the opera.

practicable *ADJ* साध्य पोशन feasible. The board of directors decided that the plan was *practicable* and agreed to undertake the project.

practical *ADJ* व्यावहारिक based on experience; useful. He was a practical man, opposed to theory.

practitioner *N* व्यवसायी someone engaged in a profession (law, medicine). In need of a hip replacement, Carl sought a *practitioner* with considerable experience performing this particular surgery.

pragmatic *ADJ* व्यावहारिक practical (as opposed to idealistic); concerned with the practical worth or impact of something. This coming trip to France should provide me with a pragmatic test of the value of my conversational French class.

pragmatist *N* दंभी practical person. No pragmatist enjoys becoming involved in a game he can never win.

prank *N* शरारत mischievous trick. Is tipping over garbage cans on Halloween merely a childish *prank*, or is it vandalism?

prate *vv* बकवास speak foolishly; boast idly. Let us not prate about our good qualities; rather, let our virtues speak for themselves.

prattle *v* चूंचू करना babble. Baby John *prattled* on and on about the cats and his ball and the Cookie Monster.

preamble *N* प्रस्तावना introductory statement. In the *Preamble* to the Constitution, the purpose of the document is set forth.

precarious *ADJ* अनिश्चित uncertain; risky. Saying the stock would be a precarious investment, the broker advised her client against purchasing it.

precedent *N* मिसाल something preceding in time that may be used as an authority or guide for future action. If I buy you a car for your sixteenth birthday, your brothers will want me to buy them cars when they turn sixteen, too; I can't afford to set such an expensive *precedent*. The law professor asked Jill to state which famous case served as a *precedent* for the court's decision in *Brown II*.

Word List 37 precept-propitiate

precept *N.* नियम practical rule guiding conduct. "Love thy neighbor as thyself" is a worthwhile precept.

precinct *N.* सीमा district or division of a city. Ed McBain's detective novels set in the 87th precinct provide an exciting picture of police work.

precipice *N.* करारा cliff; dangerous position. Suddenly Indiana Jones found himself dangling from the edge of a precipice.

precipitate *ADJ.* तलछट rash; premature; hasty; sudden. Though I was angry enough to resign on the spot, I had enough sense to keep myself from quitting a job in such a precipitate fashion.

precipitate *V.* तलछट throw headlong; hasten. The removal of American political support appears to have precipitated the downfall of the Marcos regime.

precipitous *ADJ.* तेज़ steep; overhasty. This hill is difficult to climb because it is so precipitous; one slip, and our descent will be precipitous as well.

précis *N.* संक्षेप concise summing up of main points. Before making her presentation at the conference, Ellen wrote up a neat précis of the major elements she would cover.

precise *ADJ.* ठीक exact. If you don't give me precise directions and a map, I'll never find your place.

preclude *V.* बंद करना make impossible; eliminate. The fact that the band was already booked to play in Hollywood on New Year's Eve precluded their accepting the New Year's Eve gig in London they were offered.

precocious *ADJ.* असामयिक advanced in development. Listening to the grown-up way the child discussed serious topics, we couldn't help remarking how precocious she was. precocity, *N.*

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precursor *N.* अग्रगामी forerunner. Though Gray and Burns share many traits with the Romantic poets who followed them, most critics consider them precursors of the Romantic Movement, not true Romantics.

predator *N.* दरिंदा creature that seizes and devours another animal; person who robs or exploits others. Not just cats, but a wide variety of *predators*-owls, hawks, weasels, foxes catch mice for dinner. A carnivore is by definition predatory, for he preys on weaker creatures.

predecessor *N.* पूर्वज former occupant of a post. I hope I can live up to the fine example set by my late predecessor in this office.

predetermine *V.* पहले से जाना predestine; settle or decide beforehand; influence markedly. Romeo and Juliet believed that Fate had *predetermined* their meeting. Bea gathered estimates from caterers, florists, and stationers so that she could predetermine the costs of holding a catered buffet. Philip's love of athletics *predetermined* his choice of a career in sports marketing.

predicament *N.* स्थिति tricky or dangerous situation; dilemma. Tied to the railroad tracks by the villain, Pauline strained against her bonds. How would she escape from this terrible *predicament*?

predilection *N.* लाग-लपेट partiality; preference. Although I have written all sorts of poetry over the years, I have a definite *predilection* for occasional verse.

predispose *V.* संभावना अधिक होती है give an inclination toward; make susceptible to. Oleg's love of dressing up his big sister's Barbie doll may have *predisposed* him to become a fashion designer. Genetic influences apparently predispose people to certain forms of cancer.

preeminent *ADJ.* पूर्वप्रतिष्ठित outstanding; superior. The king traveled to Boston because he wanted the *preeminent* surgeon in the field to perform the operation.

preempt *V.* जगह ले लेना head off; forestall by acting first; appropriate for oneself; supplant. Hoping to *preempt* any attempts by the opposition to make educational reform a hot political issue, the candidate set out her own plan to revitalize the public schools. preemptive, *ADJ.*

preen *V.* आत्मसंतुष्ट होना make oneself tidy in appearance; feel self-satisfaction. As Kitty *preened* before the mirror, carefully smoothing her shining hair, she couldn't help *preening* over how pretty she looked.

prehensile *ADJ.* समझदार capable of grasping or holding. Monkeys use not only their arms and legs but also their prehensile tails in traveling through the trees.

prelate *N.* प्रधान पादरी church dignitary. The archbishop of Moscow and other high-ranking prelates visited the Russian Orthodox seminary.

prelude *N.* प्रस्तावना introduction; forerunner. I am afraid that this border raid is the prelude to more

serious attacks.

premeditate v पहिले से विचार कर लेना plan in advance. She had premeditated the murder for months, reading about common poisons and buying weed killer that contained arsenic.

premise n आधार assumption; postulate. Based on the premise that there's no fool like an old fool, P. T. Barnum hired a ninety-year-old clown for his circus.

premonition n पूर्व-सूचना forewarning. We ignored these premonitions of disaster because they appeared to be based on childish fears.

preposterous adj निरर्थक absurd; ridiculous. When he tried to downplay his youthful experiments with marijuana by saying he hadn't inhaled, we all thought, "What a preposterous excuse!"

prerogative n विशेषाधिकार privilege; unquestionable right. The president cannot levy taxes; that is the prerogative of the legislative branch of government.

presage v सगुन foretell. The vultures flying overhead presaged the discovery of the corpse in the desert.

prescience n पूर्वज्ञान ability to foretell the future. Given the current wave of Japan-bashing, it does not take prescience for me to foresee problems in our future trade relations with Japan.

presentiment n पूर्वाभाव feeling something will happen; anticipatory fear; premonition. Saying goodbye at the airport, Jack had a sudden *presentiment* that this was the last time he would see Jill.

prestige n प्रतिष्ठा impression produced by achievements or reputation. Many students want to go to Harvard College not for the education offered but for the prestige of Harvard's name.

presumptuous adj अभिमान overconfident; impertinently bold; taking liberties. Matilda thought it was

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somewhat presumptuous of the young man to have addressed her without first having been introduced. Perhaps manners were freer here in the New World.

pretentious adj मिथ्याभिमानि ostentatious; pompous; making unjustified claims; overly ambitious. None of the other prize winners are wearing their medals; isn't it a bit pretentious of you to wear yours?

preternatural adj अलौकिक beyond what is normal in nature. Malcolm's mother's total ability to tell when he was lying struck him as almost preternatural.

pretext n बहाना excuse. He looked for a good pretext to get out of paying a visit to his aunt.

prevail v प्रबल induce; triumph over. He tried to prevail on her to type his essay for him.

prevalent adj प्रचलित widespread; generally accepted. A radical committed to social change, Reed had no patience with the conservative views prevalent in the America of his day.

prevaricate v छलकपट lie. Some people believe that to prevaricate in a good cause is justifiable and regard such a statement as a "white lie."

prey n शिकार target of a hunt; victim. In *Stalking the Wild Asparagus*, Euell Gibbons has as his prey not wild beasts but wild plants. also v.

prim adj साफ़-सुथरा very precise and formal; exceedingly proper. Many people commented on the contrast between the prim attire of the young lady and the inappropriate clothing worn by her escort.

primordial adj मौलिक existing at the beginning (of time); rudimentary. The Neanderthal Man is one of our primordial ancestors.

primp v सुजाना groom oneself with care; adorn oneself. The groom stood by idly while his nervous bride-to-be primped one last time before the mirror.

pristine adj प्राचीन characteristic of earlier times; primitive; unspoiled. This area has been preserved in all its pristine wildness.

privation n वंचना hardship; want. In his youth, he knew hunger and privation.

probe v जांच explore with tools. The surgeon *probed* the wound for foreign matter before suturing it. also n.

problematic adj समस्यात्मक doubtful; unsettled; questionable; perplexing. Given the way building costs have exceeded estimates for the job, whether the arena will ever be completed is problematic.

proclivity n झुकाव inclination; natural tendency. Watching the two-year-old voluntarily put away his toys, I was amazed by his proclivity for neatness.

procrastinate v शिथिलता postpone; delay or put off. Looking at four years of receipts and checks he still had to sort through, Bob was truly sorry he had *procrastinated* for so long and not finished filing his

taxes long ago.

prod v ठेस poke; stir up; urge. If you prod him hard enough, he'll eventually clean his room.

prodigal ADJ खर्चीला wasteful; reckless with money. Don't be so prodigal spending my money; when you've earned some money yourself, you can waste it as much as you want! also N.

prodigious ADJ विलक्षण marvelous; enormous. Watching the champion weight lifter heave the weighty barbell to shoulder height and then boost it overhead, we marveled at his prodigious strength.

prodigy N अद्भुत वस्तु marvel; highly gifted child. Menuhin was a prodigy, performing wonders on his violin when he was barely eight years old.

profane v अपवित्र violate; desecrate; treat unworthily. The members of the mysterious Far Eastern cult sought to kill the British explorer because he had *profaned* the sanctity of their holy goblet by using it as an ashtray. also ADJ.

profligate ADJ अपव्ययी dissipated; wasteful; wildly immoral. Although surrounded by wild and profligate companions, she nevertheless managed to retain some sense of decency.

profound ADJ गहन deep; not superficial; complete. Freud's remarkable insights into human behavior caused his fellow scientists to honor him as a *profound* thinker. profundity, N.

profusion N प्रचुरता overabundance; lavish expenditure; excess. Freddy was so overwhelmed by the profusion of choices on the menu that he knocked over his wine glass and soaked his host. He made

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profuse apologies to his host, the waiter, the bus boy, the people at the next table, and the attendant handing out paper towels.

progenitor N पूर्वपुरुष 祖先/ancestor. The Roth family, whose progenitors emigrated from Germany early in the nineteenth century, settled in Peru, Illinois.

progeny N संतान children; offspring. He was proud of his progeny in general, but regarded George as the most promising of all his children.

prognosis N रोग का निदान forecasted course of a disease; prediction. If the doctor's prognosis is correct, the patient will be in a coma for at least twenty-four hours.

projectile N प्रक्षेप्य missile. Man has always hurled projectiles at his enemy whether in the form of stones or of highly explosive shells.

proletarian N सर्वहारा member of the working class; blue collar person. "Workers of the world, unite! You have nothing to lose but your chains" is addressed to proletarians, not preppies. So is Blue Collar Holler. proletariat, N.

proliferation N प्रसार rapid growth; spread; multiplication. Times of economic hardship inevitably encourage the proliferation of countless get-rich-quick schemes. proliferate, v.

prolific ADJ उर्वर abundantly fruitful. My editors must assume I'm a prolific writer: they expect me to revise six books this year!

prolixity N उबाऊ शब्दबहुलता tedious wordiness; verbosity. A writer who suffers from prolixity tells his readers everything they never wanted to know about his subject (or were too bored to ask). prolix, ADJ.

prologue N प्रस्तावना introduction (to a poem or play). In the prologue to *Romeo and Juliet*, Shakespeare introduces the audience to the feud between the Montagues and the Capulets.

prolong v बढ़ाना make longer; draw out; lengthen. In their determination to discover ways to prolong human life, doctors fail to take into account that longer lives are not always happier ones.

prominent ADJ प्रसिद्ध conspicuous; notable; sticking out. Have you ever noticed that Prince Charles's *prominent* ears make him look like the big-eared character in *Mad* comics?

promiscuous ADJ अनेक mixed indiscriminately; haphazard; irregular, particularly sexually. In the opera *La Boheme*, we get a picture of the promiscuous life led by the young artists of Paris.

promontory N रास headland. They erected a lighthouse on the promontory to warn approaching ships of their nearness to the shore.

promote v को बढ़ावा देना help to flourish; advance in rank; publicize. Founder of the Children's Defense Fund, Marian Wright Edelman ceaselessly promotes the welfare of young people everywhere. 0

prompt v शीघ्र cause; provoke; provide a cue for an actor. Whatever prompted you to ask for such a big piece of cake when you're on a diet?

promulgate v घोषणा करना proclaim a doctrine or law; make known by official publication. When Moses came down from the mountain top all set to promulgate God's commandments, he freaked out on discovering his followers worshipping a golden calf.

prone ADJ प्रवृत्त inclined to; prostrate. She was prone to sudden fits of anger during which she would lie prone on the floor, screaming and kicking her heels.

propagate v प्रचार multiply; spread. Since bacteria propagate more quickly in unsanitary environments, it is important to keep hospital rooms clean.

propellants N प्रणोदक substances that propel or drive forward. The development of our missile program has forced our scientists to seek more powerful *propellants*.

propensity N झुकाव natural inclination. Convinced of his own talent, Sol has an unfortunate *propensity* to belittle the talents of others.

prophetic ADJ भविष्यवाणी foretelling the future. I have no magical *prophetic* powers; when I predict what will happen, I base my predictions on common sense. prophesy, v.

propinquity N पड़ोस nearness; kinship. Their relationship could not be explained as being based on mere *propinquity*; they were more than relatives, they were true friends.

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propitiate v संतुष्ट करना appease. The natives offered sacrifices to propitiate the gods.

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propitious ADJ अनुकूल favorable; fortunate; advantageous. Chloe consulted her horoscope to see whether Tuesday would be a propitious day to dump her boyfriend.

proponent N समर्थक supporter; backer; opposite of opponent. In the Senate, *proponents* of the universal health care measure lobbied to gain additional support for the controversial legislation.

propound v प्रतिपादन करना put forth for analysis. In your discussion, you have *propounded* several questions; let us consider each one separately.

propriety N औचित्य fitness; correct conduct. Miss Manners counsels her readers so that they may behave with due propriety in any social situation and not embarrass themselves.

propulsive ADJ आगे बढ़नेवाला driving forward. The jet plane has a greater propulsive power than the enginedriven plane.

prosaic ADJ नीरस dull and unimaginative; matter-of-fact; factual. Though the ad writers came up with an original way to publicize the product, the head office rejected it for a more prosaic, ordinary slogan.

proscribe v देश से निकालना ostracize; banish; outlaw. Antony, Octavius, and Lepidus *proscribed* all those who had conspired against Julius Caesar.

proselytize v फुसलाना convert to a religion or belief. In these interfaith meetings, there must be no attempt to proselytize; we must respect all points of view.

prosperity N समृद्धि good fortune; financial success; physical well-being. Promising to stay together "for richer, for poorer," the newlyweds vowed to be true to one another in prosperity and hardship alike.

prostrate v पराजित stretch out full on ground. He prostrated himself before the idol. also ADJ.

protean ADJ बहुरूपिया versatile; able to take on many shapes. A remarkably protean actor, Alec Guinness could take on any role.

protégé N शगिर्द person receiving protection and support from a patron. Born with an independent spirit, Cyrano de Bergerac refused to be a protégé of Cardinal Richelieu.

protocol N मसविदा बनाना diplomatic etiquette. We must run this state dinner according to protocol if we are to avoid offending any of our guests.

prototype N आदर्श original work used as a model by others. The crude typewriter on display in this museum is the prototype of the elaborate machines in use today.

protract v लंबा prolong. Seeking to delay the union members' vote, the management team tried to protract the negotiations endlessly.

protrude v बढ़ाना stick out. His fingers *protruded* from the holes in his gloves. protrusion, N.

protuberance N सृजन protrusion; bulge. A ganglionic cyst is a fluid-filled tumor that develops near a joint membrane or tendon sheath, and that bulges beneath the skin, forming a protuberance.

provident *ADJ* चौकस displaying foresight; thrifty; preparing for emergencies. In his usual *provident* manner, he had insured himself against this type of loss.

provincial *ADJ* प्रांतीय pertaining to a province; limited in outlook; unsophisticated. As provincial governor, Sir Henry administered the Queen's law in his remote corner of Canada. Caught up in local problems, out of touch with London news, he became sadly provincial.

provisional *ADJ* अनंतिम tentative. Kim's acceptance as an American Express card holder was provisional: before issuing her a card, American Express wanted to check her employment record and credit history.

provocative *ADJ* उत्तेजक arousing anger or interest; annoying. In a typically provocative act, the bully kicked sand into the weaker man's face.

provoke *V* भड़काना stir to anger; cause retaliation. In order to prevent a sudden outbreak of hostilities, we must not provoke our foe. provocation, *N*; provocative, *ADJ*.

prowess *N* कौशल extraordinary ability; military bravery. Performing triple axels and double lutzes at the age 105

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of six, the young figure skater was world famous for her prowess on the ice.

proximity *N* निकटता nearness. Blind people sometimes develop a compensatory ability to sense the proximity of objects around them.

proxy *N* प्रतिनिधि authorized agent. Please act as my proxy and vote for this slate of candidates in my absence.

prude *N* कपटी excessively modest person. The X-rated film was definitely not for *prudes*, *prudish*, *ADJ*.

prudent *ADJ* विवेकी cautious; careful. A miser hoards money not because he is *prudent* but because he is greedy. *prudence*, *N*.

prune *V* छटना cut away; trim. With the help of her editor, she was able to *prune* her overlong manuscript into publishable form.

prurient *ADJ* कामी having or causing lustful thoughts and desires. Aroused by his *prurient* impulses, the dirty old man leered at the sweet young thing and offered to give her a sample of his "prowess."

pseudonym *N* उपनाम pen name. Samuel Clemens' *pseudonym* was Mark Twain.

psyche *N* मानस soul; mind. It is difficult to delve into the *psyche* of a human being.

pterodactyl *N* पक्षीसरट extinct flying reptile. The remains of pterodactyls indicate that these flying reptiles had a wingspan of as much as twenty feet.

puerile *ADJ* बचकाना childish. His *puerile* pranks sometimes offended his more mature friends.

pugilist *N* बाक्सर boxer. The famous pugilist Cassius Clay changed his name to Muhammed Ali.

pugnacity *N* कलह की इच्छा combativeness; disposition to fight. "Put up your dukes!" he cried, making a fist to show his pugnacity. *pugnacious*, *ADJ*.

pulchritude *N* खूबसूरती beauty; comeliness. I do not envy the judges who have to select this year's Miss America from this collection of female *pulchritude*.

pulverize *V* टुकड़े टुकड़े करना crush or grind into dust. Before sprinkling the dried herbs into the stew, Michael first pulverized them into a fine powder.

pummel *V* कूटना beat or pound with fists. Swinging wildly, Pam pummeled her brother around the head and shoulders.

punctilious *ADJ* ज़रूरत से ज़्यादा परिशुद्ध laying stress on niceties of conduct or form; minutely attentive to fine points (perhaps too much so). Percy is punctilious about observing the rules of etiquette whenever Miss Manners invites him to stay. *punctiliousness*, *N*.

pundit *N* पंडित authority on a subject; learned person; expert. Some authors who write about SAT I as if they are *pundits* actually know very little about the test.

pungent *ADJ* कटु stinging; sharp in taste or smell; caustic. The *pungent* odor of ripe Limburger cheese appealed to Simone but made Stanley gag.

punitive *ADJ* दंडात्मक punishing. He asked for *punitive* measures against the offender.

puny *ADJ* कमजोर insignificant; tiny; weak. Our *puny* efforts to stop the flood were futile.

purchase *N* खरीद फरोख्त firm grasp or footing. The mountaineer struggled to get a proper *purchase* on the slippery rock. (secondary meaning)

purge v शुद्ध करना remove or get rid of something unwanted; free from blame or guilt; cleanse or purify. When the Communist government *purged* the party to get rid of members suspected of capitalist sympathies, they sent the disloyal members to labor camps in Siberia.

purported ADJ कथित alleged; claimed; reputed or rumored. The purported Satanists sacrificing live roosters in the park turned out to be a party of Shriners holding a chicken barbecue.

purse v बटुआ pucker; contract into wrinkles. Miss Watson pursed her lips to show her disapproval of Huck's bedraggled appearance.

purveyor N नजदीक furnisher of foodstuffs; caterer. As purveyor of rare wines and viands, he traveled through France and Italy every year in search of new products to sell.

pusillanimous ADJ कायर cowardly; fainthearted. You should be ashamed of your pusillanimous 106

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conduct during this dispute.

putrid ADJ सड़ा हुआ foul; rotten; decayed. The gangrenous condition of the wound was indicated by the putrid smell when the bandages were removed. putrescence, N.

pyromaniac N मदहोन्मादी person with an insane desire to set things on fire. The detectives searched the area for the pyromaniac who had set these costly fires.

quack N नीम हकीम charlatan; impostor. Do not be misled by the exorbitant claims of this *quack*; he cannot cure you.

quadruped N चौपाया four-footed animal. Most mammals are quadrupeds.

quaff v खाली करना drink with relish. As we *quaffed* our ale, we listened to the lively songs of the students in the tavern.

quagmire N दलदल Soft wet boggy land; complex or dangerous situation from which it is difficult to free oneself. Up to her knees in mud, Myra wondered how on earth she was going to extricate herself from this quagmire.

quail v बटेर cower; lose heart. The Cowardly Lion was afraid that he would quail in the face of danger.

quaint ADJ. विचित्र odd; old-fashioned; picturesque. Her *quaint* clothes and old-fashioned language marked her as an eccentric.

qualified ADJ. योग्य limited; restricted. Unable to give the candidate full support, the mayor gave him only a *qualified* endorsement. (secondary meaning)

qualms N. हिचक misgivings; uneasy fears, especially about matters of conscience. I have no qualms about giving this assignment to Helen; I know she will handle it admirably.

quandary N व्याकुलता dilemma. When both Harvard and Stanford accepted Laura, she was in a *quandary* as to which school she should attend.

quarantine N संगरोध isolation of person or ship to prevent spread of infection. We will have to place this house under *quarantine* until we determine the exact nature of the disease. also v.

quarry N शिकार Victim; object of a hunt. The police closed in on their quarry.

quarry v शिकार dig into. They *quarried* blocks of marble out of the hillside. also N.

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quay N घाटो dock; landing place. Because of the captain's carelessness, the ship crashed into the quay.

queasy ADJ. कोमल easily nauseated; squeamish. Remember that great chase movie, the one with the carsick passenger? That's right: *Queasy Rider!*

quell v वश में करना extinguish; put down; quiet. Miss Minchin's demeanor was so stern and forbidding that she could quell any unrest among her students with one intimidating glance.

quench v बुझाना douse or extinguish; assuage or satisfy. No matter how much water the hiker drank, she could not *quench* her thirst.

querulous ADJ विलापी fretful; whining. Even the most agreeable toddlers can begin to act querulous if they miss their nap.

query N सवाल inquiry; question. In her column "Ask Beth," the columnist invites young readers to send her their *queries* about life and love.

quibble N वक्रोक्ति minor objection or complaint. Aside from a few hundred teensy-weensy

quibbles about the set, the script, the actors, the director, the costumes, the lighting, and the props, the hypercritical critic loved the play. also *v.*

quiescent *ADJ.* मौन at rest; dormant; temporarily inactive. After the great eruption, fear of Mount Etna was great; people did not return to cultivate its rich hillside lands until the volcano had been *quiescent* for a full two years. *quiescence*, *N.*

quietude *N.* वैराग्य tranquility. He was impressed by the air of quietude and peace that pervaded the valley.

quintessence *N.* हीर purest and highest embodiment. Noel Coward displayed the *quintessence* of wit.

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quip *N.* ताना taunt. You are unpopular because you are too free with your quips and sarcastic comments. also *v.*

quirk *N.* मोड़ startling twist; caprice. By a *quirk* of fate, he found himself working for the man whom he had discharged years before.

quiver *V.* तरकस tremble; shake. The bird dog's nose twitched and his whiskers quivered as he strained eagerly against the leash. also *N.*

quiver *N.* तरकस case for arrows. Robin Hood reached back and plucked one last arrow from his *quiver*. (secondary meaning)

quixotic *ADJ.* विलक्षण idealistic but impractical. Constantly coming up with *quixotic*, unworkable schemes to save the world, Simon has his heart in the right place, but his head somewhere in the clouds.

quizzical *ADJ.* हास्योत्पादक teasing; bantering; mocking; curious. When the skinny teenager tripped over his own feet stepping into the bullpen, Coach raised one quizzical eyebrow, shook his head, and said, "Okay, kid. You're here, let's see what you've got."

quorum *N.* गणपूर्ति number of members necessary to conduct a meeting. The senator asked for a roll call to determine whether a quorum was present.

rabid *ADJ.* विक्षिप्त like a fanatic; furious. He was a *rabid* follower of the Dodgers and watched them play whenever he could go to the ball park.

raconteur *N.* बयान करनेवाला storyteller. My father was a gifted raconteur with an unlimited supply of anecdotes.

rail *V.* रेल scold; rant. You may rail at him all you want; you will never change him.

raiment *N.* पोशाक clothing. "How can I go to the ball?" asked Cinderella. "I have no raiment fit to wear."

rally *V.* रैली call up or summon (forces, vital powers, etc.); revive or recuperate. Washington quickly rallied his troops to fight off the British attack. The patient had been sinking throughout the night, but at dawn she rallied and made a complete recovery.

ramble *V.* पर्यटन wander aimlessly (physically or mentally). Listening to the teacher ramble, Judy wondered whether he'd ever get to his point.

ramification *N.* उपशाखा branching out; subdivision. We must examine all the ramifications of this problem.

ramify *V.* डालियां फैलना divide into branches or subdivisions. When the plant begins to ramify, it is advisable to nip off most of the new branches.

ramp *N.* बढ़ाना slope; inclined plane. The house was built with ramps instead of stairs in order to enable the man in the wheelchair to move easily from room to room and floor to floor.

rampant *ADJ.* अनियंत्रित growing in profusion; unrestrained. The rampant weeds in the garden choked the flowers until they died.

ramshackle *ADJ.* जीर्ण rickety; falling apart. The boys propped up the *ramshackle* clubhouse with a couple of boards.

rancid *ADJ.* बासी having the odor of stale fat. A *rancid* odor filled the ship's galley and nauseated the crew.

rancor *N.* विद्वेष bitterness; hatred. Thirty years after the war, she could not let go of the past but was still consumed with rancor against the foe.

random *ADJ.* बिना सोचे समझे without definite purpose, plan, or aim; haphazard. Although the sponsor of the raffle claimed all winners were chosen at *random*, people had their suspicions when the grand prize went to the sponsor's brother-in-law.

rankle *V.* पकना irritate; fester. The memory of having been jilted *rankled* him for years.

rant v शेखी rave; talk excitedly; scold; make a grandiloquent speech. When he heard that I'd totaled the family car, Dad began to rant at me like a complete madman.

rapacious ADJ लालची excessively greedy; predatory. The rapacious brigands stripped the villagers of all their possessions. rapacity, n.

rapport n. घनिष्ठता emotional closeness; harmony. In team teaching, it is important that all teachers in the group have good rapport with one another.

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rapt ADJ मगन absorbed; enchanted. Caught up in the wonder of the storyteller's tale, the rapt listeners sat motionless, hanging on his every word.

rarefied ADJ विशिष्ट वर्ग के लिये आरक्षित made less dense (of a gas). The mountain climbers had difficulty breathing in the rarefied atmosphere. rarefy, v.

raspy ADJ कर्कश आवाज़ grating; harsh. The sergeant's raspy voice grated on the recruits' ears.

ratify v पुष्टि करना approve formally; confirm; verify. Party leaders doubted that they had enough votes in both houses of Congress to ratify the constitutional amendment.

ratiocination n. युक्तित्व reasoning; act of drawing conclusions from premises. While Watson was a man of average intelligence, Holmes was a genius, whose gift for ratiocination made him a superb detective.

rationale n. तर्क fundamental reason or justification; grounds for an action. Her need to have someplace to hang her earring collection was Dora's rationale for piercing fifteen holes in each ear.

rationalize v. युक्तिसंगत give a plausible reason for an action in place of a true, less admirable one; offer an excuse. When David told gabby Gabrielle he couldn't give her a ride to the dance because he had no room in the car, he was rationalizing; actually, he couldn't stand being cooped up in a car with anyone who talked as much as she did.

raucous ADJ फटा harsh and shrill; disorderly and boisterous. The raucous crowd of New Year's Eve revelers got progressively noisier as midnight drew near.

rave n बड़बड़ाना overwhelmingly favorable review. Though critic John Simon seldom has a good word to say about most contemporary plays, his review of All in the Timing was a total rave.

ravel v. प्रसिद्ध हो जाना fall apart into tangles; unravel or untwist; entangle. A single thread pulled loose, and the entire scarf started to ravel.

ravenous ADJ हिंसक extremely hungry. The ravenous dog upset several garbage pails in its search for food.

raze v ढाना destroy completely. Spelling is important: to raise a building is to put it up; to raze a building is to tear it down.

reactionary ADJ प्रतिक्रियावादी recoiling from progress; politically ultraconservative. Opposing the use of English in worship services, reactionary forces in the church fought to reinstate the mass in Latin.

realm n क्षेत्र kingdom; field or sphere. In the animal realm, the lion is the king of beasts.

reaper n. काटनेवाला one who harvests grain. Death, the Grim Reaper, cuts down mortal men and women, just as a farmer cuts down the ripened grain. reap, v.

rebuff v. प्रतिघात snub; beat back. She rebuffed his invitation so smoothly that he did not realize he had been snubbed. also n.

rebuke v. फटकार scold harshly; criticize severely. No matter how sharply Miss Watson rebuked Huck for his misconduct, he never talked back but just stood there like a stump. also n.

rebuttal n खंडन refutation; response with contrary evidence. The defense lawyer confidently listened to the prosecutor sum up his case, sure that she could answer his arguments in her rebuttal.

recalcitrant ADJ आज्ञा न माननेवाला obstinately stubborn; determined to resist authority; unruly. Which animal do you think is more recalcitrant, a pig or a mule?

recant v. अपने को वंचित करना disclaim or disavow; retract a previous statement; openly confess error. Those who can, keep true to their faith; those who can't, recant. Hoping to make Joan of Arc recant her sworn testimony, her English captors tried to convince her that her visions had been sent to her by the Devil.

recapitulate v. पुनरावृत्ति करना summarize. Let us recapitulate what has been said thus far before going ahead.

recast v. मरम्मत reconstruct (a sentence, story, etc.); fashion again. Let me recast this sentence in terms your feeble brain can grasp: in words of one syllable, you are a fool.

receptive *ADJ* ग्रहणशील quick or willing to receive ideas, suggestions, etc. Adventure-loving Huck Finn proved a receptive audience for Tom's tales of buried treasure and piracy.

recession *N* मंदी withdrawal; retreat; time of low economic activity. The slow recession of the flood waters created problems for the crews working to restore power to the area. recede, *v*.

recidivism *N* जुर्म habitual return to crime. Prison reformers in the United States are disturbed by the high 109

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rate of recidivism; the number of men serving second and third terms in prison indicates the failure of prisons to rehabilitate the inmates.

recipient *N* प्राप्त करने वाला receiver. Although he had been the recipient of many favors, he was not grateful to his benefactor.

reciprocal *ADJ* पारस्परिक mutual; exchangeable; interacting. The two nations signed a reciprocal trade agreement.

reciprocate *v* विनिमय करना repay in kind. If they attack us, we shall be compelled to reciprocate and bomb their territory. reciprocity, *N*.

recluse *N* वैरागी hermit; loner. Disappointed in love, Miss Emily became a recluse; she shut herself away in her empty mansion and refused to see another living soul. reclusive, *ADJ*.

reconcile *v* समाधान करना correct inconsistencies; become friendly after a quarrel. Each month when we try to reconcile our checkbook with the bank statement, we quarrel. However, despite these monthly lovers' quarrels, we always manage to reconcile.

reconnaissance *N* पैमाइश survey of enemy by soldiers; reconnoitering. If you encounter any enemy soldiers during your *reconnaissance*, capture them for questioning.

recount *v* ब्योरा narrate or tell; count over again. A born storyteller, my father loved to recount anecdotes about his early years in New York.

recourse *N* सहारा resorting to help when in trouble. The boy's only recourse was to appeal to his father for aid.

recrimination *N* अभियोग countercharges. Loud and angry *recriminations* were her answer to his accusations.

rectify *v* सुधारना set right; correct. You had better send a check to rectify your account before American Express cancels your credit card.

rectitude *N* ईसाफ uprightness; moral virtue; correctness of judgment. The Eagle Scout was a model of *rectitude*.

recumbent *ADJ* लेटा हुआ reclining; lying down completely or in part. The command "AT EASE" does not permit you to take a *recumbent* position.

recuperate *v* स्वस्थ हो जाना recover. The doctors were worried because the patient did not *recuperate* as rapidly as they had expected.

recurrent *ADJ* आवर्तक occurring again and again. Richard's *recurrent* asthma attacks disturbed us and we consulted a physician.

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redolent *ADJ* सुगंध का fragrant; odorous; suggestive of an odor. Even though it is February, the air is *redolent* of spring.

redoubtable *ADJ* बढाया हुआ formidable; causing fear. During the Cold War period, neighboring countries tried not to offend the Russians because they could be *redoubtable* foes.

redress *N* प्रतिकार remedy; compensation. Do you mean to tell me that I can get no *redress* for my injuries? also *v*.

redundant *ADJ* निरर्थक superfluous; repetitious; excessively wordy. The bottle of wine I brought to Bob's was certainly *redundant* how was I to know Bob owned a winery? In your essay, you repeat several points unnecessarily; try to be less *redundant* in the future. redundancy, *N*.

reek *v* भाप emit (odor). The room *reeked* with stale tobacco smoke. also *N*.

refraction *N* अपवर्तन bending of a ray of light. When you look at a stick inserted in water, it looks bent because of the *refraction* of the light by the water.

refractory *ADJ* आग रोक stubborn; unmanageable. The *refractory* horse was eliminated from the race when he refused to obey the jockey.

refrain v बचना abstain from; resist. Whenever he heard a song with a lively chorus, Sol could never *refrain* from joining in on the *refrain*.

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refurbish v नवीनीकरण renovate; make bright by polishing. The flood left a deposit of mud on everything; we had to *refurbish* our belongings.

refute v खंडन disprove. The defense called several respectable witnesses who were able to *refute* the false testimony of the prosecution's sole witness. *refutation*, n.

regal adj. शाही royal. Prince Albert had a *regal* manner.

regale v दावत खाना entertain. John *regaled* us with tales of his adventures in Africa.

regime n शासन method or system of government. When the French mention the Old *Regime*, they refer to the government existing before the revolution.

regimen n आहार prescribed diet and habits. I doubt whether the results warrant our living under such a strict *regimen*.

rehabilitate v पुनर्वास restore to proper condition. We must *rehabilitate* those whom we send to prison.

reimburse v प्रतिपूर्ति करना repay. Let me know what you have spent and I will *reimburse* you.

reiterate v. बार बार दुहराना repeat. He *reiterated* the warning to make sure everyone understood it.

rejoinder n पत्त्युत्तर retort; comeback; reply. When someone has been rude to me, I find it particularly satisfying to come up with a quick *rejoinder*.

rejuvenate v फिर से युवा करना make young again. The charlatan claimed that his elixir would *rejuvenate* the aged and weary.

relegate v. बाहर निकाल देना banish to an inferior position; delegate; assign. After Ralph dropped his second tray of drinks that week, the manager swiftly *relegated* him to a minor post cleaning up behind the bar.

relent v. तरस खाना give in. When her stern father would not *relent* and allow her to marry Robert Browning, Elizabeth Barrett eloped with her suitor. *relentless*, adj.

relevant adj. प्रासंगिक pertinent; referring to the case in hand. How *relevant* Virginia Woolf's essays are to women writers today! It's as if Woolf in the 1930s foresaw our current literary struggles. *relevancy*, n.

relic n अवशेष surviving remnant; memento. Egypt's Department of Antiquities prohibits tourists from taking mummies and other ancient relics out of the country. Mike keeps his photos of his trip to Egypt in a box with other *relics* of his travels.

relinquish v त्यागना give up something with reluctance; yield. Denise never realized how hard it would be for her to *relinquish* her newborn son to the care of his adoptive parents. Once you get used to fringe benefits like expense account meals and a company car, it's very hard to *relinquish* them.

relish v. स्वाद savor; enjoy. Watching Peter enthusiastically chow down, I thought, "Now there's a man who *relishes* a good dinner!" also n.

remediable adj चिकित्स्य reparable. Let us be grateful that the damage is *remediable*.

remedial adj उपचारात्मक curative; corrective. Because he was a slow reader, he decided to take a course in *remedial* reading.

reminiscence n. संस्मरण recollection. Her *reminiscences* of her experiences are so fascinating that she ought to write a book.

remiss adj बेपरवाह negligent. The guard was accused of being *remiss* in his duty when the prisoner escaped.

remission n. क्षमा temporary moderation of disease symptoms; cancellation of a debt; forgiveness or pardon. Though the senator had been treated for cancer, his symptoms were in *remission*, and he was considered fit enough to handle the strains of a presidential race.

remnant n अवशेष remainder. I suggest that you wait until the store places the *remnants* of these goods on sale.

remonstrance n प्रतिवाद protest; objection. The authorities were deaf to the pastor's *remonstrances* about the lack of police protection in the area. *remonstrate*, v.

remorse n पश्चाताप guilt; self-reproach. The murderer felt no *remorse* for his crime.

remunerative adj पारिश्रमिक-संबंधी compensating; rewarding. I find my new work so *remunerative* that I may not return to my previous employment. *remuneration*, n.

rend v. उखाड़ फेंकना split; tear apart. In his grief, he tried to *rend* his garments. rent, **N**.

render v. प्रस्तुत करना deliver; provide; represent. He *rendered* aid to the needy and indigent.

rendition **N** प्रतिपादन translation; artistic interpretation of a song, etc. The audience cheered enthusiastically as she completed her *rendition* of the aria.

renegade **N** पाखण्डी deserter; traitor. Because he had abandoned his post and joined forces with the Indians, his fellow officers considered the hero of *Dances with Wolves* a *renegade*. also **ADJ**.

renege v. इनकार deny; go back on. He *reneged* on paying off his debt.

renounce v. छोड़ना abandon; disown; repudiate. Even though she knew she would be burned at the stake as a witch, Joan of Arc refused to *renounce* her belief that her voices came from God. renunciation, **N**.

renovate v. अच्छी अवस्था में लाना restore to good condition; renew. They claim that they can *renovate* worn shoes so that they look like new ones.

renown **N** यश fame. For many years an unheralded researcher, Barbara McClintock gained international *renown* when she won the Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine. renowned, **ADJ**.

rent **N** किराया rip; split. Kit did an excellent job of mending the rent in the lining of her coat.

reparable **ADJ** मरम्मत योग्य capable of being repaired. Fortunately, the damages we suffered in the accident were *reparable* and our car looks brand new.

reparation **N** मरम्मत amends; compensation. At the peace conference, the defeated country promised to pay reparations to the victors.

repast **N** अन्न meal; feast; banquet. The caterers prepared a delicious repast for Fred and Judy's wedding day.

repeal v. निरसन revoke; annul. What would the effect on our society be if we decriminalized drug use by *repealing* the laws against the possession and sale of narcotics?

repel v. पीछे हटाना drive away; disgust. At first, the Beast's ferocious appearance *repelled* Beauty, but she came to love the tender heart hidden behind that beastly exterior.

repellent **ADJ** विकर्षक driving away; unattractive. Mosquitoes find the odor so *repellent* that they leave any spot where this liquid has been sprayed. also **N**.

repercussion **N** प्रतिक्रिया rebound; reverberation; reaction. I am afraid that this unfortunate incident will have serious repercussions.

repertoire **N** प्रदर्शनों की सूची list of works of music, drama, etc., a performer is prepared to present. The opera company decided to include *Madame Butterfly* in its *repertoire* for the following season.

replenish v. फिर से भरना fill up again. Before she could take another backpacking trip, Carla had to *replenish* her stock of freeze-dried foods.

replete **ADJ** परिपूर्ण filled to the brim or to the point of being stuffed; abundantly supplied. The movie star's memoir was *replete* with juicy details about the love life of half of Hollywood.

replica **N** प्रतिकृति copy. Are you going to hang this replica of the Declaration of Independence in the classroom or in the auditorium?

replicate v. दोहराने reproduce; duplicate. Because he had always wanted a palace, Donald decided to replicate the Tai Mahal in miniature on his estate.

repository **N** कोष storehouse. Libraries are repositories of the world's best thoughts.

reprehensible **ADJ** निन्दा deserving blame. Shocked by the viciousness of the bombing, politicians of every party uniformly condemned the terrorists' *reprehensible* deed.

repress v. अधिकार में लाना restrain; crush; oppress. Anne's parents tried to curb her impetuosity without *repressing* her boundless high spirits.

reprieve **N** दण्डविराम temporary stay. During the twenty-four-hour *reprieve*, the lawyers sought to make the stay of execution permanent. also **v**.

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reprimand v. डांटना reprove severely; rebuke. Every time Ermengarde made a mistake in class, she was afraid that Miss Minchin would *reprimand* her and tell her father how badly she was doing in school. also **N**.

reprisal **N** प्रतिहिंसा retaliation. I am confident that we are ready for any *reprisals* the enemy may undertake.

reprise *N.* दोहराव musical repetition; repeat performance; recurrent action. We enjoyed the soprano's solo in Act I so much that we were delighted by its *reprise* in the finale.

reproach *V.* तिरस्कार express disapproval or disappointment. He never could do anything wrong without imagining how the look on his mother's face would reproach him afterwards. reproachful, *ADJ.*

reprobate *N.* बदमाश person hardened in sin, devoid of a sense of decency. I cannot understand why he has so many admirers if he is the reprobate you say he is.

reprove *V.* निंदा करना censure; rebuke. The principal severely reprove the students whenever they talked in the halls.

repudiate *V.* परित्याग करना disown; disavow. On separating from Tony, Tina announced that she would repudiate all debts incurred by her soon-to-be ex-husband.

repugnant *ADJ.* प्रतिकूल loathsome; hateful. She found the snake *repugnant* and looked on it with loathing and fear.

repulsion *N.* घृणा distaste; act of driving back. Hating bloodshed, she viewed war with *repulsion*. Even defensive battles distressed her, for the *repulsion* of enemy forces is never accomplished bloodlessly.

reputable *ADJ.* सम्मानित respectable. If you want to buy antiques, look for a reputable dealer; far too many dealers today pass off fakes as genuine antiques.

reputed *ADJ.* सम्मानित supposed. Though he is the *reputed* father of the child, no one can be sure. *repute*, *N.*

requiem *N.* फातहा mass for the dead; dirge. They played Mozart's *Requiem* at the funeral.

requisite *N.* अपेक्षित necessary requirement. Many colleges state that a student must offer three years of a language as a requisite for admission.

requite *V.* लौटाना repay; revenge. The wretch *requited* his benefactors by betraying them.

rescind *V.* रद्द कर देना cancel. Because of the public outcry against the new taxes, the senator proposed a bill to *rescind* the unpopular financial measure.

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resentment *N.* नाराज़गी indignation; bitterness; displeasure. Not wanting to appear a sore loser, Bill tried to hide his *resentment* of Barry's success.

reserve *N.* संशय self-control; formal but distant manner. Although some girls were attracted by Mark's air of *reserve*, Judy was put off by it, for she felt his aloofness indicated a lack of openness. *reserved*, *ADJ.*

residue *N.* अवशेष remainder; balance. In his will, he requested that after payment of debts, taxes, and funeral expenses, the *residue* be given to his wife. *residual*, *ADJ.*

resigned *ADJ.* इस्तीफा दे दिया accepting one's fate; unresisting; patiently submissive. *Resigned* to his downtrodden existence, Bob Cratchit was too meek to protest Scrooge's bullying. *resignation*, *N.*

resilient *ADJ.* लचीला elastic; having the power of springing back. Highly *resilient*, steel makes excellent bedsprings. *resilience*, *N.*

resolution *N.* संकल्प determination; resolve. Nothing could shake his resolution that his children would get the best education that money could buy. *resolute*, *ADJ.*

resolve *N.* संकल्प determination; firmness of purpose. How dare you question my *resolve* to take up skydiving! Of course I haven't changed my mind!

resolve *V.* समाधान करना decide; settle; solve. Holmes resolved to travel to Bohemia to resolve the dispute between Irene Adler and the king.

resonant *ADJ.* गुंजयमान echoing; resounding; deep and full in sound. The deep, *resonant* voice of the actor James Earl Jones makes him particularly effective when he appears on stage.

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respiration *N.* श्वसन breathing; exhalation. The doctor found that the patient's years of smoking had adversely affected both his lung capacity and his rate of *respiration*.

respite *N.* मोहलत interval of relief; time for rest; delay in punishment. After working nonstop on this project for three straight months. I need a *respite*! For David, the two weeks vacationing in New Zealand were a delightful respite from the pressures of his job.

resplendent *ADJ.* देदीप्यमान dazzling; glorious; brilliant. While all the adults were commenting how glorious the

emperor looked in his *resplendent* new clothes, one little boy was heard to say, "But he's naked!"

responsiveness *N* जवाबदेही state of reacting readily to appeals, orders, etc. The audience cheered and applauded, delighting the performers by its *responsiveness*.

restitution *N* बहाली reparation; indemnification. He offered to make *restitution* for the window broken by his son.

restive *ADJ* अशांत restlessly impatient; obstinately resisting control. Waiting impatiently in line to see Santa Claus, even the best-behaved children grow restive and start to fidget.

restraint *N* संयम moderation or self-control; controlling force; restriction. Control yourself. young lady! Show some restraint!

resumption *N* पुनरांभ taking up again; recommencement. During summer break, Don had not realized how much he missed university life: at the *resumption* of classes, however, he felt marked excitement and pleasure. resume, *v*.

resurge *v* पुनरुत्थान rise again; flow to and fro. It was startling to see the spirit of nationalism resurge as the Soviet

Union disintegrated into a loose federation of ethnic and national groups. resurgence, *N*.

retain *v*. बनाए रखने के keep; employ. Fighting to *retain* his seat in Congress, Senator Foghorn *retained* a new manager to head his reelection campaign.

retaliation *N* प्रतिशोध repayment in kind (usually for bad treatment). Because everyone knew the Princeton Band had stolen Brown's mascot, the whole Princeton student body expected some sort of *retaliation* from Brown. retaliate, *v*.

retentive *ADJ* धारणा शक्तिवाला holding; having a good memory. The pupil did not need to spend much time studying, for he had a *retentive* mind and remembered all he read.

reticence *N* अल्पभाषिता reserve; uncommunicativeness; inclination to silence. Fearing his competitors might get advance word about his plans from talkative staff members, Hughes preferred *reticence* from his employees to loquacity. reticent, *ADJ*.

retinue *N* परिचारक वर्ग following; attendants. The queen's *retinue* followed her down the aisle.

retiring *ADJ* अवकाश ग्रहण करने वाले modest; shy. Given Susan's *retiring* personality, no one expected her to take up public speaking; surprisingly enough, she became a star of the school debate team,

retort *N* करारा जवाब quick sharp reply. Even when it was advisable for her to keep her mouth shut, she was always ready with a quick retort. also *v*.

retract *v* वापस लेना withdraw; take back. When I saw how Fred and his fraternity brothers had trashed the frat house, I decided to retract my offer to let them use our summer cottage for the weekend. retraction, *N*.

retrench *v*. छटनी करना cut down; economize. In order to be able to afford to send their children to college, they would have to *retrench*. retrenchment, *N*.

retribution *N* प्रतिकार vengeance; compensation; punishment for offenses. The evangelist maintained that an angry deity would exact *retribution* from the sinners.

retrieve *v* पुनः प्राप्त recover; find and bring in. The dog was intelligent and quickly learned to retrieve the game killed by the hunter.

retroactive *ADJ* पूर्वव्यापी of a law that dates back to a period before its enactment. Because the law was retroactive to the first of the year, we found she was eligible for the pension.

retrograde *v* पतित go backwards; degenerate. instead of advancing, our civilization seems to have *retrograded* in ethics and culture. also *ADJ*.

retrospective *ADJ*. पूर्वप्रभावी looking back on the past. The Museum of Graphic Arts is holding a retrospective

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showing of the paintings of Michael Whelan over the past two decades.

revelry *N* मद्यपान का उत्सव boisterous merrymaking. New Year's Eve is a night of revelry

reverent *ADJ* श्रद्धालु respectful; worshipful. Though I bow my head in church and recite the prayers, sometimes I don't feel properly *reverent*. revere, *v*.

reverie *N* भावना daydream; musing. He was awakened from his reverie by the teacher's question.

revert *v*. लौट आना relapse; backslide; turn back to. Most of the time Andy seemed sensitive and mature, but occasionally he would revert to his smart-alecky, macho, adolescent self.

revile v गाली देना attack with abusive language; vilify. Though most of his contemporaries *reviled* Captain Kidd as a notorious, bloody-handed pirate, some of his fellow merchant-captains believed him innocent of his alleged crimes.

revoke v वापस लेना cancel; retract. Repeat offenders who continue to drive under the influence of alcohol face having their driver's licenses permanently *revoked*.

revulsion n. तबदीली sudden violent change of feeling; reaction. Many people in this country who admired dictatorships underwent a revulsion when they realized what Hitler and Mussolini were trying to do.

rhapsodize अतिप्रशंसापूर्वक कहना to speak or write in an exaggeratedly enthusiastic manner. She greatly enjoyed her Hawaiian vacation and *rhapsodized* about it for weeks.

rhetoric n. वक्रपटुता art of effective communication; insincere language. All writers, by necessity, must be skilled in *rhetoric*.

rhetorical ADJ. शब्दाडंबरपूर्ण pertaining to effective communication; insincere in language. To win his audience; the speaker used every *rhetorical* trick in the book.

ribald ADJ. नीच wanton; profane. He sang a *ribald* song that offended many of the more prudish listeners.

riddle v. पहेली pierce with holes; permeate or spread throughout. With his machine gun, Tracy *riddled* the car with bullets till it looked like a slice of Swiss cheese. During the proofreaders' strike, the newspaper was *riddled* with typos.

rider n. सवार amendment or clause added to a legislative bill. Senator Foghorn said he would support Senator Filibuster's tax reform bill only if Filibuster agreed to add an antipollution *ridert* to the bill.

rife ADJ. व्याप्त abundant; current. In the face of the many rumors of scandal, which are rife at the moment, it is best to remain silent.

rift n. दरार opening; break. The plane was lost in the stormy sky until the pilot saw the city through a rift in the clouds.

rig v सामान fix or manipulate. The ward boss was able to rig the election by bribing people to stuff the ballot boxes with ballots marked in his candidate's favor.

rigid ADJ. कठोर stiff and unyielding; strict; hard and unbending. By living with a man to whom she was not married, George Eliot broke Victorian society's most rigid rule of respectable behavior.

rigor n कठोरता severity. Many settlers could not stand the rigors of the New England winters.

rigorous ADJ कठिन severe; harsh; demanding; exact. Disliked by his superiors, the officer candidate in *An Officer and a Gentleman* endured an extremely rigorous training program.

rile v. चिढ़ाना vex; irritate; muddy. Red had a hair-trigger temper: he was an easy man to rile.

riveting ADJ दिलचस्प absorbing; engrossing. The reviewer described Byatt's novel *Possession* as a riveting tale, one so absorbing that he had finished it in a single night.

rivulet n छोटी नदी small stream. As the rains continued, the small trickle of water running down the hillside grew into a rivulet that threatened to wash away a portion of the slope.

robust ADJ मजबूत vigorous; strong. After pumping iron and taking karate for six months, the little old lady was so robust that she could break a plank with her fist.

roil v क्रोधित करना to make liquids murky by stirring up sediment. Be careful when you pour not to roil the wine; if you stir up the sediment you'll destroy the flavor.

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roster n तालिका list. They print the roster of players in the season's program.

rostrum n व्याख्यान चबूतरा platform for speech-making; pulpit. The crowd murmured angrily and indicated that they did not care to listen to the speaker who was approaching the rostrum.

rote n दुहराव repetition. He recited the passage by rote and gave no indication he understood what he was saying.

rotundity n. स्थूलता roundness; sonorousness of speech. Washington Irving emphasized the *rotundity* of the governor by describing his height and circumference.

rousing ADJ गर्मजोशी lively; stirring. "And now, let's have a rousing welcome for TV's own Roseanne Barr, who'll lead us in a rousing rendition of 'The Star-Spangled Banner.'"

rout *v* घोर पराजय stampede; drive out. The reinforcements were able to rout the enemy. also *n*.

rubble *n* मलवा broken fragments. Ten years after World War II, some of the *rubble* left by enemy bombings could still be seen.

ruddy *ADJ.* लाल reddish; healthy-looking. Santa Claus's ruddy cheeks nicely complement Rudolph the Reindeer's bright red nose.

rudimentary *ADJ* मौलिक not developed; elementary; crude. Although my grandmother's English vocabulary was limited to a few *rudimentary* phrases, she always could make herself understood.

rue *v* पछताना regret; lament; mourn. Tina rued the night she met Tony and wondered how she ever fell for such a jerk. rueful, *ADJ.*

ruffian *n* बदमाश bully; scoundrel. The ruffians threw stones at the police.

ruminate *v* चिंतन करना chew over and over (mentally, or, like cows, physically); mull over; ponder. Unable to digest quickly the baffling events of the day, Reuben *ruminated* about them till four in the morning.

rummage *v* चप्पा चप्पा छान मारना ransack; thoroughly search. When we *rummaged* through the trunks in the attic, we found many souvenirs of our childhood days. also *n*.

ruse *n* चाल trick; stratagem. You will not be able to fool your friends with such an obvious ruse.

rustic *ADJ.* देहाती pertaining to country people; uncouth. The backwoodsman looked out of place in his rustic attire.

ruthless *ADJ* क्रूर pitiless; cruel. Captain Hook was a dangerous, *ruthless* villain who would stop at nothing to destroy Peter Pan.

saboteur *n* नुकसान पहुंचानेवाला one who commits sabotage; destroyer of property. Members of the Resistance acted as *saboteurs*, blowing up train lines to prevent supplies from reaching the Nazi army.

saccharine *ADJ.* चीनी का cloyingly sweet. She tried to ingratiate herself, speaking sweetly and smiling a *saccharine* smile.

sacrilegious *ADJ.* पवित्र वस्तु दूषक desecrating; profane. His stealing of the altar cloth was a very sacrilegious act.

sacrosanct *ADJ* पुण्यमय most sacred; inviolable. The brash insurance salesman invaded the sacrosanct privacy of the office of the president of the company.

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sadistic *ADJ.* परपीड़क inclined to cruelty. If we are to improve conditions in this prison, we must first get rid of the sadistic warden.

saga *n* कथा Scandinavian myth; any legend. This is a saga of the sea and the men who risk their lives on it.

Sagacious *ADJ* मेधावी perceptive; shrewd; having insight. My father was a sagacious judge of character: he could spot a phony a mile away. sagacity, *n*.

sage *n* साधू person celebrated for wisdom. Hearing tales of a mysterious Master of All Knowledge who lived in the hills of Tibet, Sandy was possessed with a burning desire to consult the legendary sage. also *ADJ.*

salacious *ADJ* कामातुर lascivious; lustful. Chaucer's monk is not pious but salacious. a teller of lewd tales

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and ribald jests.

salient *ADJ* मुख्य prominent. One of the salient features of that newspaper is its excellent editorial page.

salubrious *ADJ.* स्वास्थ्यप्रद healthful. Many people with hay fever move to more salubrious sections of the country during the months of August and September.

salutary *ADJ* लाभदायक tending to improve; beneficial; wholesome. The punishment had a salutary effect on the boy, as he became a model student.

salvage *v.* उबार rescue from loss. All attempts to salvage the wrecked ship failed. also *n*.

salvo *n.* सिवाय discharge of firearms; military salute. The boom of the enemy's opening salvo made the petrified private jump.

sanctimonious *ADJ.* पाखंडी displaying ostentatious or hypocritical devoutness. You do not have to

be so *sanctimonious* to prove that you are devout.

sanction v. प्रतिबंध approve; ratify. Nothing will convince me to *sanction* the engagement of my daughter to such a worthless young man.

sanctuary n. अभ्यारण्य refuge; shelter; shrine; holy place. The tiny attic was Helen's sanctuary to which she fled when she had to get away from the rest of her family.

sanguine adj. आशावादी cheerful; hopeful. Let us not be too sanguine about the outcome; something could go wrong.

sap v. पौधों का रस diminish; undermine. The element kryptonite has an unhealthy effect on Superman: it saps his strength.

sarcasm n. ताना scornful remarks; stinging rebuke. Though Ralph pretended to ignore the mocking comments of his supposed friends, their sarcasm wounded him deeply.

sardonic adj. तिरस्कारपूर्ण disdainful; sarcastic; cynical. The *sardonic* humor of nightclub comedians who satirize or ridicule patrons in the audience strikes some people as amusing and others as rude.

sartorial adj. कपड़ा सीने के विषय का pertaining to tailors. He was as famous for the sartorial splendor of his attire as he was for his acting.

sate v. पूरा करना satisfy to the full; cloy. Its hunger sated, the lion dozed.

satellite n. उपग्रह small body revolving around a larger one. During the first few years of the Space Age, hundreds of satellites were launched by Russia and the United States.

satiate v. पूरा करना satisfy fully. Having stuffed themselves until they were satiated, the guests were so full they were ready for a nap.

satire n. हास्य व्यंग्य form of literature in which irony, sarcasm, and ridicule are employed to attack vice and folly. Gulliver's Travels, which is regarded by many as a tale for children, is actually a bitter satire attacking man's folly.

satirical adj. व्यंगपूर्ण mocking. The humor of cartoonist Gary Trudeau often is satirical; through the comments of the Doonesbury characters, Trudeau ridicules political corruption and folly.

saturate v. तर soak thoroughly. Saturate your sponge with water until it can't hold any more.

saturnine adj. सीसे का gloomy. Do not be misled by his *saturnine* countenance; he is not as gloomy as he looks.

saunter v. सैर stroll slowly. As we *sauntered* through the park, we stopped frequently to admire the spring flowers.

savant n. पंडित scholar. Our faculty includes many worldfamous savants.

savor v. स्वाद enjoy; have a distinctive flavor, smell, or quality. Relishing his triumph, the actor especially savored the chagrin of the critics who had predicted his failure.

savory adj. दिलकश tasty; pleasing, attractive, or agreeable. Julia Child's recipes enable amateur chefs to create savory delicacies for their guests.

scabbard n. म्यान case for a sword blade; sheath. The drill master told the recruit to wipe the blood from his sword before slipping it back into the *scabbard*.

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scad n. अनेकानेक a great quantity. Refusing Dave's offer to lend him a shirt, Phil replied, "No, thanks, I've got scads of clothes."

scaffold n. पाड़ temporary platform for workers; bracing framework; platform for execution. Before painting the house, the workers put up a scaffold to allow them to work on the second story.

scale v. सेहरा climb up; ascend. In order to locate a book on the top shelf of the stacks, Lee had to scale an exceptionally rickety ladder.

scamp n. ढिलाई से काम करना rascal. Despite his mischievous behavior, Malcolm was such an engaging scamp that his mother almost lacked the heart to punish him.

scanty adj. अल्प meager; insufficient. Thinking his helping of food was scanty, Oliver Twist asked for more.

scapegoat n. बलि का बकरा someone who bears the blame for others. After the *Challenger* disaster, NASA searched for scapegoats on whom they could cast the blame.

scavenge v. मांजना hunt through discarded materials for usable items; search, especially for food. If you need car parts that the dealers no longer stock, try *scavenging* for odd bits and pieces at the auto

wreckers' yards. scavenger, **N**.

scenario **N** परिदृश्य plot outline; screenplay; opera libretto. Scaramouche startled the other actors in the commedia troupe when he suddenly departed from their customary scenario and began to improvise.

schematic **ADJ** ढांच के रूप में relating to an outline or diagram; using a system of symbols. In working out the solution to this logic puzzle, you may find it helpful to construct a simple schematic diagram outlining the order of events.

schism **N** फूट division; split. Let us not widen the schism by further bickering.

scintillate **V** चमकना sparkle; flash. I enjoy her dinner parties because the food is excellent and the conversation scintillates.

scoff **V** हँसी mock; ridicule. He scoffed at dentists until he had his first toothache.

scourge **N** चाबुक से पीटना lash; whip; severe punishment. They feared the plague and regarded it as a deadly scourge. **also V**.

scruple **V** संदेह fret about; hesitate, for ethical reasons. Fearing that her husband had become involved in an affair, she did not scruple to read his diary. **also N**.

scrupulous **ADJ** ईमानदार conscientious; extremely thorough. Though Alfred is scrupulous in fulfilling his duties at work, he is less conscientious about his obligations to his family and friends.

scrutinize **V** ताकना examine closely and critically. Searching for flaws, the sergeant *scrutinized* every detail of the private's uniform.

scuffle **V** हाथापाई struggle confusedly; move off in a confused hurry. The twins briefly *scuffled*, wrestling to see which of them would get the toy. When their big brother yelled, "Let go of my Gameboy!" they *scuffled* off down the hall. **scurrious** **ADJ** obscene; indecent. Your scurious remarks are especially offensive because they are untrue.

scurry **V** बौछाड़ move briskly. The White Rabbit had to scurry to get to his appointment on time.

scurvy **ADJ** पाजी despicable; contemptible. Peter Pan sneered at Captain Hook and his scurvy crew.

scuttle **V** अक्रुगीठी scurry; run with short, rapid steps. The bug *scuttled* rapidly across the floor.

scuttle **V** खंचिया sink. The sailors decided to *scuttle* their vessel rather than surrender it to the enemy.

seamy **ADJ** जोड़दार sordid; unwholesome. In *The Godfather*, Michael Corleone is unwilling to expose his wife and children to the seamy side of his life as the son of a Mafia don. **sear** **V** char or burn; brand. Accidentally brushing against the hot grill, she *seared* her hand badly.

seasoned **ADJ** अनुभवी experienced. Though pleased with her new batch of rookies, the basketball coach wished she had a few more *seasoned* players on the team.

secession **N** अपगमन withdrawal. The secession of the Southern states provided Lincoln with his first major problem after his inauguration. **secede**, **V**.

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seclusion **N** तनहाई isolation; solitude. One moment she loved crowds; the next, she sought seclusion. **seclude**, **V**.

secrete **V** छिपाना hide away; produce and release a substance into an organism. The pack rat secretes odds and ends in its nest; the pancreas secretes insulin in the islets of Langerhans. **sect** **N** separate religious body; faction. As university chaplain, she sought to address universal religious issues and not limit herself to concerns of any one sect.

sectarian **ADJ** सांप्रदायिक relating to a religious faction or subgroup; narrowminded; limited. Far from being broad-minded, the religious leader was intolerant of new ideas, paying attention only to purely *sectarian* interests. **sect**, **N**.

secular **ADJ** धर्म निरपेक्ष worldly; not pertaining to church matters; temporal. The church leaders decided not to interfere in secular matters.

sedate **ADJ** गंभीर composed; grave. The parents were worried because they felt their son was too quiet and sedate.

sedentary **ADJ** गतिहीन requiring sitting. Disliking the effect of her sedentary occupation on her figure, Stacy decided to work out at the gym every other day.

sedition **N** देशद्रोह resistance to authority; insubordination. His words, though not treasonous in themselves, were calculated to arouse thoughts of *sedition*.

sedulous *ADJ* परिश्रमी diligent; hardworking. After weeks of patient and sedulous labor, we completed our detailed analysis of every published SAT examination.

seedy *ADJ* थका हुआ run-down; decrepit; disreputable. I would rather stay in dormitory lodgings in a decent youth hostel than have a room of my own in a seedy downtown hotel.

seemly *ADJ* छबीला proper; appropriate. Lady Bracknell did not think it was seemly for Ernest to lack a proper family: no baby abandoned on a doorstep could grow up to be a fit match for her daughter.

seep *v* रिसना ooze; trickle. During the rainstorm, water seeped through the crack in the basement wall and damaged the floor boards. seepage, *N*.

seethe *v* उबलना be disturbed; boil. The nation was seething with discontent as the noblemen continued their arrogant ways.

seismic *ADJ* भूकंप pertaining to earthquakes. The Richter scale is a measurement of seismic disturbances.

seminary *N* पाठशाला school for training future ministers; academy for young women. Sure of his priestly vocation, Terrence planned to pursue his theological training at the local Roman Catholic seminary.

sensual *ADJ* कामुक devoted to the pleasures of the senses; carnal; voluptuous. I cannot understand what caused him to abandon his sensual way of life and become so ascetic.

sententious *ADJ* उपदेशात्मक terse; concise; aphoristic. After reading so many redundant speeches, I find his sententious style particularly pleasing.

sentinel *N* पहरदार sentry; lookout. Though camped in enemy territory, Bledsoe ignored the elementary precaution of posting sentinels around the encampment.

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sequester *v* पृथक isolate; retire from public life; segregate; seclude. Banished from his kingdom, the wizard Prospero *sequestered* himself on a desert island. To prevent the jurors from hearing news broadcasts about the case, the judge decided to sequester the jury.

serendipity *N* नसीब gift for finding valuable or desirable things by accident; accidental good fortune or luck. Many scientific discoveries are a matter of serendipity. Newton was not sitting under a tree thinking about gravity when the apple dropped on his head.

serenity *N* शांति calmness; placidity. The sound of air raid sirens pierced the serenity of the quiet village of Pearl Harbor. serpentine *ADJ*. winding; twisting. The car swerved at every curve in the serpentine road.

serrated *ADJ* दाँतेदार having a sawtoothed edge. The beech tree is one of many plants that have serrated leaves.

servile *ADJ* गुलामी का slavish; cringing. Constantly fawning on his employer, humble Uriah Heap was a servile creature.

servitude *N* भृत्यभाव slavery; compulsory labor. Born a slave, Frederick Douglass resented his life of servitude and plotted to escape to the North.

sever *v* काटकर अलग करना cut; separate. The released prisoner wanted to begin a new life and sever all connections with his criminal past. Dr. Guillotin invented a machine that could neatly sever an aristocratic head from its equally aristocratic body. Unfortunately, he couldn't collect any severance pay. severance, *N*.

severity *N* तीव्रता harshness; intensity; sternness; austerity. The severity of Jane's migraine attack was so great that she took to her bed for a week.

shackle *v* बेड़ी chain; fetter. The criminal's ankles were *shackled* to prevent his escape. also *N*.

sham *v* जाली वस्तु pretend. He *shammed* sickness to get out of going to school. also *N*.

shambles *N* खंडहर wreck; mess. After the hurricane, the Carolina coast was a *shambles*. After the New Year's Eve party, the apartment was a *shambles*.

shard *N* ठीकरा fragment, generally of pottery. The archaeologist assigned several students the task of reassembling earthenware vessels from the *shards* he had brought back from the expedition.

sheaf *N* पुलिंदा bundle of stalks of grain; any bundle of things tied together. The lawyer picked up a *sheaf* of papers as he rose to question the witness.

shear *v* कतरनी cut or clip (hair, fleece); strip of something. You may not care to cut a sheep's hair, but

Sarah shears sheep for Little Bo Peep.

sheathe v ढांकना place into a case. As soon as he recognized the approaching men, he *sheathed* his dagger and hailed them as friends.

sheer ADJ निरा, महीन very thin or transparent; very steep; absolute. Wearing nothing but an almost *sheer* robe, Delilah draped herself against the *sheer* temple wall. Beholding her, Samson was overcome by her *sheer* beauty. Then she sheared his hair.

shimmer v टिमटिमाना glimmer intermittently. The moonlight shimmered on the water as the moon broke through the clouds for a moment. also N.

shirk v भागना avoid (responsibility, work, etc.); mangle. Brian has a strong sense of duty; he would never *shirk* any responsibility.

shoddy ADJ तुच्छ sham; not genuine; inferior. You will never get the public to buy such *shoddy* material.

shrewd ADJ चालाक clever; astute. A *shrewd* investor, he took clever advantage of the fluctuations of the stock market.

shroud v कफन hide from view; wrap for burial. Fog *shrouded* Dracula's castle, hiding the ruined tower beneath sheets of mist.

shun v सीधे खड़े हो keep away from. Cherishing his solitude, the recluse *shunned* the company of other human beings.

shyster N बेईमान आदमी lawyer using questionable methods. On L.A. Law, Brackman is horrified to learn that his newly-discovered half brother is nothing but a cheap shyster.

sibling N भाई brother or sister. We may not enjoy being siblings, but we cannot forget that we still belong to the same family.

simian ADJ एक प्रकार का बंदर monkeylike. Lemurs are nocturnal mammals and have many simian characteristics, although they are less intelligent than monkeys.

simile N. उपमा comparison of one thing with another, using the word *like* or *as*. "My love is like a red, red rose" is a *simile*.

simper v मुसकुराना smirk; smile affectedly. Complimented on her appearance, Stella self-consciously *simpered*.

Simplistic ADJ सरलीकृत oversimplified. Though Jack's solution dealt adequately with one aspect of the problem, it was simplistic in failing to consider various complications that might arise.

simulate v भेष बदलना feign. He simulated insanity in order to avoid punishment for his crime.

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sinecure N. ऐसा पद जिस में वेतन मिले परन्तु कुछ काम न करना पड़े well-paid position with little responsibility. My job is no sinecure; I work long hours and have much responsibility.

sinewy ADJ. बलवान tough; strong and firm. The steak was too sinewy to chew.

singular ADJ विलक्षण unique; extraordinary; odd. Though the young man tried to understand Father William's singular behavior, he still found it odd that the old man incessantly stood on his head. singularity, N.

sinister ADJ भयावह evil. We must defeat the sinister forces that seek our downfall.

sinuous ADJ. टेढ़ा winding; bending in and out; not morally honest. The snake moved in a sinuous manner.

skeptic N. संदेहवादी doubter; person who suspends judgment until the evidence supporting a point of view has been examined. I am a *skeptic* about the new health plan; I want some proof that it can work. skepticism, N.

skiff N छोटी नाव small, light sailboat or rowboat. Tom dreamed of owning an ocean-going yacht but had to settle for a *skiff* he could sail in the bay.

skimp v लापरवाही से काम करना provide scantily; live very economically. They were forced to skimp on necessities in order to make their limited supplies last the winter.

skinflint N कंजूस stingy person; miser. Scrooge was an ungenerous old *skinflint* until he reformed his ways and became a notable philanthropist.

skirmish N झड़प minor fight. Custer's troops expected they might run into a *skirmish* or two on maneuvers; they did not expect to face a major battle. also v.

skulk v. छिपना move furtively and secretly. He *skulked* through the less fashionable sections of the city in order to avoid meeting any of his former friends.

slacken v. शिथिल करना slow up; loosen. As they passed the finish line, the runners *slackened* their pace.

slag n. लावा residue from smelting metal; dross; waste matter. The blast furnace had a special opening at the bottom to allow the workers to remove the worthless slag.

slake v. आग बुझाना quench; sate. When we reached the oasis, we were able to slake our thirst.

slander n. बदनामी defamation; utterance of false and malicious statements. Considering the negative comments politicians make about each other, it's a wonder that more of them aren't sued for *slander*. also v.

slapdash adj. किसी न किसी तरह haphazard; careless; sloppy. From the number of typos and misspellings I've found in it, it's clear that Mario proofread the report in a remarkably *slapdash* fashion.

sleeper n. स्लीपर something originally of little value or importance that in time becomes very valuable. Unnoticed by the critics at its publication, the eventual Pulitzer Prize winner was a classic *sleeper*.

sleight n. सफाई dexterity. The magician amazed the audience with his *sleight* of hand.

slight n. थोड़ा insult to one's dignity; snub. Hypersensitive and ready to take offense at any discourtesy, Bertha was always on the lookout for real or imaginary *slights*. also v.

slipshod adj. असावधानीपूर्ण untidy or slovenly; shabby. As a master craftsman, the carpenter prided himself on not doing *slipshod* work.

slither v. लुढ़कना slip or slide. During the recent *ice* storm, many people *slithered* down this hill as they walked to the station.

slothful adj. आलसी lazy. Lying idly on the sofa while others worked, Reggie denied he was slothful: "I just supervise better lying down."

slough v. कैचुली cast off. Each spring, the snake *sloughs* off its skin.

slovenly adj. किसी न किसी प्रकार untidy; careless in work habits. Unshaven, sitting around in his bathrobe all afternoon, Gus didn't seem to care about the slovenly appearance he presented. The dark ring around the bathtub and the spider webs hanging from the beams proved what a slovenly housekeeper she was.

sluggard n. आलसी lazy person. "You are a *sluggard*, a drone, a parasite," the angry father shouted at his lazy son.

sluggish adj. सुस्त Slow; lazy; lethargic. After two nights without sleep, she felt *sluggish* and incapable of exertion.

slur v. कलंक speak indistinctly; mumble. When Sol has too much to drink, he starts to slur his words: "Washamatter? Cansh you undershtand what I shay?"

slur n. कलंक insult to one's character or reputation; slander. Polls revealed that the front-runner's standing had been badly damaged by the slurs and innuendoes circulated by his opponent's staff. also v. (secondary meaning)

smelt v. गलाने melt or blend ores, changing their chemical composition. The furnaceman smelts tin with copper to create a special alloy used in making bells.

smirk n. नखरे की मुस्कराहट conceited smile. Wipe that smirk off your face! also v.

smolder v. सुलगना burn without flame; be liable to break out at any moment. The rags *smoldered* for hours before they burst into flame.

snicker n. हिनहिनाहट half-stifled laugh. The boy could not suppress a snicker when the teacher sat on the tack. also v.

snivel v. बच्चे की तरह रोना run at the nose; snuffle; whine. Don't you come *sniveling* to me complaining about your big brother. sobriety n. moderation (especially regarding indulgence in alcohol); seriousness. Neither falling-down drunks nor stand-up comics are noted for sobriety. sober, adj.

sodden adj. मदहोश soaked; dull, as if from drink. He set his *sodden* overcoat near the radiator to dry.

sojourn n. डेरा डालना temporary stay. After his *sojourn* in Florida, he began to long for the colder climate of his native New England home.

solace *N* सांत्वना comfort in trouble. I hope you will find solace in the thought that all of us share your loss.

solder *V* मिलाप repair or make whole by using a metal alloy. The plumber fixed the leak in the pipes by *soldering* a couple of joints from which water had been oozing.

solecism *N* प्रमाद construction that is flagrantly incorrect grammatically. I must give this paper a failing mark because it contains many solecisms.

solemnity *N* गंभीरता seriousness; gravity. The minister was concerned that nothing should disturb the solemnity of the marriage service. *solemn*, *ADJ*.

solicit *V* मांगना request earnestly; seek. Knowing she needed to have a solid majority for the budget to pass, the mayor telephoned all the members of the city council to solicit their votes.

solicitous *ADJ* चिंताशील worried; concerned. The employer was very solicitous about the health of her employees as replacements were difficult to get.

soliloquy *N* आत्मभाषण talking to oneself. The soliloquy is a device used by the dramatist to reveal a character's innermost thoughts and emotions.

solitude *N* एकांत state of being alone; seclusion. Much depends on how much you like your own company. What to one person seems fearful isolation to another is blessed *solitude*.

soluble *ADJ* घुलनशील able to be dissolved; able to be explained. Sugar is *soluble* in water; put a sugar cube in water and it will quickly dissolve.

solvent *ADJ* विलायक able to pay all debts. By dint of very frugal living, he was finally able to become *solvent* and avoid bankruptcy proceedings.

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somber *ADJ* मलिन depressing; dark; drab. From the doctor's grim expression, I could tell he had *somber* news. Dull brown and charcoal gray are pretty *somber* colors; can't you wear something bright?

somnambulist *N* नींद में चलनेवाला sleepwalker. The most famous somnambulist in literature is Lady Macbeth; her monologue in the sleepwalking scene is one of the highlights of Shakespeare's play.

somnolent *ADJ* निद्रजनक half asleep. The heavy meal and the overheated room made us all *somnolent*

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and indifferent to the speaker.

sonorous *ADJ* मधुर resonant. His *sonorous* voice resounded through the hall.

sophisticated *ADJ* जटिल worldly-wise and urbane; complex. When Sophie makes wisecracks, she thinks she sounds *sophisticated*, but instead she sounds sophomoric. The new IBM laptop with the butterfly keyboard and the built-in quadspeed FAX modem is a pretty *sophisticated* machine.

sophistry *N* सत्य का आभास seemingly plausible but fallacious reasoning. Instead of advancing valid arguments, he tried to overwhelm his audience with a flood of *sophistries*.

sophomoric *ADJ* भड़कीला immature; half-baked, like a sophomore. Even if you're only a freshman, it's no compliment to be told your humor is *sophomoric*. The humor in *Dumb and Dumber* is *sophomoric* at best.

soporific *ADJ* निंदासा sleep-causing; marked by sleepiness. Professor Pringle's lectures were so *soporific* that even he fell asleep in class. also *N*.

sordid *ADJ* घिनौना filthy; base; vile. The social worker was angered by the *sordid* housing provided for the homeless.

sovereign *ADJ* प्रभु efficacious; supreme or paramount; selfgoverning. Professor Pennywhistle claimed his panacea was a *sovereign* cure for all chronic complaints. In medicine the *sovereign* task of the doctor is to do no harm. Rebelling against the mother country, the onetime colony now proclaimed itself a *sovereign* state. also *N*.

spangle *N* दीप्ति small metallic piece sewn to clothing for ornamentation. The thousands of *spangles* on her dress sparkled in the glare of the stage lights.

sparse *ADJ* विरल not thick; thinly scattered; scanty. No matter how carefully Albert combed his hair to make it look as full as possible, it still looked *sparse*.

spartan *ADJ* परहेज़गार avoiding luxury and comfort; sternly disciplined. Looking over the bare, unheated room, with its hard cot, he wondered what he was doing in such *spartan* quarters. Only his *spartan* sense of duty kept him at his post.

spasmodic *ADJ.* अकड़नेवाला fitful; periodic. The spasmodic coughing in the auditorium annoyed the performers.

spat *N.* झगड़ा squabble; minor dispute. What had started out as a mere spat escalated into a full-blown argument.

spate *N.* झोंक sudden flood or strong outburst; a large number or amount. After the spate of angry words that came pouring out of him, Mary was sure they would never be reconciled.

spatial *ADJ.* स्थानिक relating to space. NASA is engaged in an ongoing program of spatial exploration. When Jay says he's studying spatial relations, that doesn't mean he has relatives in outer space.

spatula *N.* मलहम लगाने का औजार broad-bladed instrument used for spreading or mixing. The manufacturers of this frying pan recommend the use of a rubber spatula to avoid scratching the specially treated surface.

spawn *V.* अंडे lay eggs. Fish ladders had to be built in the dams to assist the salmon returning to spawn in their native streams. also *N.*

specious *ADJ.* दिखौवा seemingly reasonable but incorrect; misleading (often intentionally). To claim that, because houses and birds both have wings, both can fly, is extremely specious reasoning.

spectrum *N.* तरंग colored band produced when beam of light passes through a prism. The visible portion of the spectrum includes red at one end and violet at the other.

spendthrift *N.* उड़ाऊ someone who wastes money. Easy access to credit encourages people to turn into *spendthrifts* who shop till they drop.

sphinx-like *ADJ.* स्फिंक्स की तरह enigmatic; mysterious. The Mona Lisa's *sphinx-like* expression has intrigued and mystified art lovers for centuries.

splice *V.* ब्याह fasten together; unite. Before you splice two strips of tape together, be sure to line them up evenly. also *N.*

spontaneity *N.* स्वच्छंदता lack of premeditation; naturalness; freedom from constraint. When Anne and Amy met, Amy impulsively hugged her new colleague, but Anne drew back, unprepared for such

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spontaneity. The cast over-rehearsed the play so much that the eventual performance lacked any *spontaneity*. spontaneous, *ADJ.*

sporadic *ADJ.* छिटपुट occurring irregularly. Although you can still hear sporadic outbursts of laughter and singing outside, the big Halloween parade has passed; the party's over till next year.

sportive *ADJ.* विनोदी, खिलाड़ी playful. Such a sportive attitude is surprising in a person as serious as you usually are.

spry *ADJ.* चंचल vigorously active; nimble. She was eighty years old, yet still spry and alert.

spurious *ADJ.* जाली false; counterfeit; forged; illogical. The antique dealer hero of Jonathan Gash's mystery novels gives the reader tips on how to tell spurious antiques from the real thing. Natasha's claim to be the lost heir of the Romanoffs was spurious: the only thing Russian about her was the vodka she drank!

spurn *V.* तिरस्कार reject; scorn. The heroine *spurned* the villain's advances.

squabble *N.* झगड़ा minor quarrel; bickering. Children invariably get involved in petty *squabbles*; wise parents know when to interfere and when to let the children work things out on their own.

squalor *N.* गंदगी filth; degradation; dirty, neglected state. Rusted, broken-down cars in its yard, trash piled up on the porch, tar paper peeling from the roof, the shack was the picture of *squalor*. squalid, *ADJ.*

squander *V.* गंवाना waste. If you *squander* your allowance on candy and comic books, you won't have any money left to buy the new box of crayons you want.

squat *ADJ.* फूहड़ stocky; short and thick. Tolkien's hobbits are somewhat *squat*, sturdy little creatures, fond of good ale, good music, and good mushrooms.

staccato *ADJ.* असंबद्ध रीति played in an abrupt manner; marked by abrupt sharp sound. His *staccato* speech reminded one of the sound of a machine gun.

stagnant *ADJ.* गतिहीन motionless; stale; dull. Mosquitoes commonly breed in ponds of *stagnant* water. Mike's career was *stagnant*; it wasn't going anywhere, and neither was he! stagnate, *V.*

staid *ADJ.* शांत sober; sedate. Her conduct during the funeral ceremony was *staid* and solemn.

stalemate *N.* गतिरोध deadlock. Negotiations between the union and the employers have reached a stalemate; neither side is willing to budge from previously stated positions.

stalwart *ADJ.* निष्ठावान strong, brawny; steadfast. His consistent support of the party has proved that he is a stalwart and loyal member. also *N.*

stamina *N.* सहनशीलता strength; staying power. I doubt that she has the stamina to run the full distance of the marathon race.

stanch *V.* थमना check flow of blood. It is imperative that we *stanch* the gushing wound before we attend to the other injuries.

stanza *N.* छंद division of a poem. Do you know the last stanza of "The Star-Spangled Banner"?

static *ADJ.* स्थिर unchanging; lacking development. Why watch chess on TV? I like watching a game with action, not something static where nothing seems to be going on.

statute *N.* कानून law enacted by the legislature. The statute of limitations sets the limits on how long you have to take legal action in specific cases.

steadfast *ADJ.* दृढ़ loyal; unswerving. Penelope was steadfast in her affections, faithfully waiting for Ulysses to return from his wanderings.

stealth *N.* चुपके slyness; sneakiness; secretiveness. Fearing detection by the sentries on duty, the scout inched his way toward the enemy camp with great stealth.

steep *V.* खड़ी soak; saturate. Be sure to steep the fabric in the dye bath for the full time prescribed.

stellar *ADJ.* तारकीय pertaining to the stars. He was the stellar attraction of the entire performance.

stem *V.* तना check the flow. The paramedic used a tourniquet to stem the bleeding from the slashed artery.

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stem from *V.* से उत्पन्न arise from. Milton's problems in school *stemmed from* his poor study habits.

stereotype *N.* टकसाली fixed and unvarying representation; standardized mental picture, often reflecting prejudice. Critics object to the character of Jim in *The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn* because he seems to reflect the *stereotype* of the happy, ignorant slave.

stifle *V.* दबाना suppress; extinguish; inhibit. Halfway through the boring lecture, Laura gave up trying to *stifle* her yawns.

stigma *N.* कलंक token of disgrace; brand. I do not attach any stigma to the fact that you were accused of this crime; the fact that you were acquitted clears you completely.

stigmatize *V.* गाली देना brand; mark as wicked. I do not want to stigmatize this young offender for life by sending her to prison.

stilted *ADJ.* असार bombastic; inflated. His stilted rhetoric did not impress the college audience; they were immune to bombastic utterances.

stint *N.* कार्यकाल supply; allotted amount; assigned portion of work. He performed his daily stint cheerfully and willingly. also *V.*

stint *V.* कार्यकाल be thrifty; set limits. "Spare no expense," the bride's father said, refusing to stint on the wedding arrangements.

stipend *N.* वेतन pay for services. There is a nominal *stipend* for this position.

stipulate *V.* शर्त लगाना make express conditions; specify. Before agreeing to reduce American military forces in Europe, the president *stipulated* that NATO inspection teams be allowed to inspect Soviet bases.

stodgy *ADJ.* फूला हुआ stuffy; boringly conservative. For a young person, Winston seems remarkably stodgy: you'd expect someone his age to show a little more life.

Stoic *ADJ.* उदासीन impassive; unmoved by joy or grief. I wasn't particularly stoic when I had my flu shot; I squealed like a stuck pig. also *N.*

stoke *V.* ईंधन झोंकना stir up a fire; feed plentifully. As a Scout Marisa learned how to light a fire, how to *stoke* it if it started to die down, and how to extinguish it completely.

stolid *ADJ.* आवेगहीन dull; impassive. The earthquake shattered Stuart's usual stolid demeanor; trembling, he crouched on the no longer stable ground.

stratagem *N.* कपट deceptive scheme. We saw through his clever stratagem.

stratify v. विभक्त हो जाना divide into classes; be arranged into strata. As the economic gap between the rich and the poor increased, Roman society grew increasingly *stratified*.

stratum n परत layer of earth's surface; layer of society. Unless we alleviate conditions in the lowest stratum of our society, we may expect grumbling and revolt.

strew v बिखेरना spread randomly; sprinkle; scatter. Preceding the bride to the altar, the flower girl will *strew* rose petals along the aisle.

striated adj धारीदार marked with parallel bands; grooved. The glacier left many *striated* rocks. *striae*, v.

stricture n निंदा restriction; adverse criticism. Huck regularly disobeyed Miss Watson's rules and strictures upon his behavior: he wouldn't wear shoes, no matter what she said.

strident adj तेज़ loud and harsh; insistent. Whenever Sue became angry, she tried not to raise her voice; she had no *desire* to appear strident.

stringent adj कड़ी से कड़ी binding; rigid. I think these regulations are too *stringent*.

strut n. अकड़ pompous walk; swagger. Looking at his self-important strut as he swaggered about the parade ground, I could tell Colonel Blimp thought highly of himself. also v.

strut n संभालना supporting bar. The engineer calculated that the strut supporting the rafter needed to be reinforced. (secondary meaning)

studied adj. अध्ययन not spontaneous; deliberate; thoughtful. Given Jill's previous slights, Jack felt that the omission of his name from the guest list was a *studied* insult.

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stultify v. मूर्ख बनाना cause to appear or *become* stupid or inconsistent; frustrate or hinder. His long hours in the blacking factory left young Dickens numb and incurious, as if the menial labor had *stultified* his brain.

stupefy v मूर्ख बनाना make numb; stun; amaze. Disapproving of drugs in general, Laura refused to take sleeping pills or any other medicine that might *stupefy* her. *stupefaction*, n.

stupor n. व्यामोह state of apathy; daze; lack of awareness. In his *stupor*, the addict was unaware of the *events* taking place around him.

stymie v. गतिरोध present an obstacle; stump. The detective was stymied by the contradictory *evidence* in the robbery investigation. also n.

suavity n मधुरता banity; polish. The elegant actor is particularly good in roles that require *suavity* and sophistication.

subdued adj. मातहत less intense; quieter. Bob liked the *subdued* lighting at the restaurant because he thought it was romantic. I just thought it was dimly lit.

subjective adj व्यक्तिपरक occurring or taking place within the subject; unreal. Your analysis is highly *subjective*; you have permitted your emotions and your opinions to color your thinking.

subjugate v अधीन करना conquer; bring under control. It is not our aim to *subjugate* our foe; we are interested only in establishing peaceful relations.

sublime adj. उदात्त exalted or noble and uplifting; utter. Lucy was in awe of Desi's *sublime* musicianship, while he was in awe of her sublime naiveté.

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subliminal adj. अचेतन below the threshold. We may not be aware of the *subliminal* influences that affect our thinking.

submissive adj. विनम्र yielding; timid. When he refused to permit Elizabeth to marry her poet, Mr. Barrett expected her to be properly *submissive*; instead, she eloped!

subordinate adj. मातहत occupying a lower rank; inferior; submissive. Bishop Proudie's wife expected all the *subordinate* clergy to behave with great deference to the wife of their superior.

suborn v फुसलाकर झूठी गवाही दिलवाना persuade to act unlawfully (especially to commit perjury). In *The Godfather*, the mobsters used bribery and threats to *suborn* the witnesses against Don Michael Corleone.

subpoena n. आकारक writ summoning a witness to appear. The prosecutor's office was ready to serve a *subpoena* on the reluctant witness. also v.

subsequent adj आगामी following; later. In *subsequent* lessons, we shall take up more difficult problems.

subservient *ADJ.* अधीन behaving like a slave; servile; obsequious. He was proud and dignified; he refused to be *subservient* to anyone.

subside *V.* कम होना settle down; descend; grow quiet. The doctor assured us that the fever would eventually *subside*.

subsidiary *ADJ.* सहायक subordinate; secondary. This information may be used as *subsidiary* evidence but is not sufficient by itself to prove your argument. also *N.*

subsidy *N.* सब्सिडी direct financial aid by government, etc. Without this *subsidy*, American ship operators would not be able to compete in world markets.

subsistence *N.* जीवन निर्वाह existence; means of support; livelihood. In these days of inflated prices, my salary provides a mere *subsistence*.

substantial *ADJ.* ठोस ample; solid; in essentials. The generous scholarship represented a *substantial* sum of money.

substantiate *V.* सिद्ध करना establish by evidence; verify; support. These endorsements from satisfied customers *substantiate* our claim that Barron's *How to Prepare for the SAT I* is the best SAT-prep book on the market.

substantive *ADJ.* मूल essential; pertaining to the substance. Although the delegates were aware of the importance of the problem, they could not agree on the *substantive* issues.

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subterfuge *N.* छल pretense; evasion. As soon as we realized that you had won our support by a *subterfuge*, we withdrew our endorsement of your candidacy.

subtlety *N.* सूक्ष्मता perceptiveness; ingenuity; delicacy. Never obvious, she expressed herself with such *subtlety* that her remarks went right over the heads of most of her audience. *subtle*, *ADJ.*

subversive *ADJ.* विनाशक tending to overthrow; destructive. At first glance, the notion that styrofoam cups may actually be more ecologically sound than paper cups strikes most environmentalists as *subversive*.

succinct *ADJ.* संक्षिप्त brief; terse; compact. Don't bore your audience with excess verbiage: be *succinct*.

succor *V.* परेशानी में सहायता aid; assist; comfort. If you believe that con man has come here to succor you in your hour of need, you're an even bigger sucker than I thought. also *N.*

succulent *ADJ.* रसीला juicy; full of richness. To some people, Florida citrus fruits are more *succulent* than those from California. also *N.*

succumb *V.* रसीला yield; give in; die. I succumb to temptation whenever I see chocolate.

suffragist *N.* आन्दोलनकर्त्री advocate of voting rights (for women). In recognition of her efforts to win the vote for women, Congress authorized coining a silver dollar honoring the suffragist Susan B. Anthony

sully *V.* मैला करना tarnish; soil. He felt that it was beneath his dignity to sully his hands in such menial labor.

sultry *ADJ.* उमसदार sweltering. He could not adjust himself to the sultry climate of the tropics.

summation *N.* योग act of finding the total; summary. In his *summation*, the lawyer emphasized the testimony given by the two witnesses.

summit *N.* शिखर सम्मेलन utmost height or pinnacle; highest point (of a mountain, etc.) The summit of the amateur mountain climber's aspirations was someday to reach the summit of Mount Everest.

sumptuous *ADJ.* वैभवशाली lavish; rich. I cannot recall when I have had such a sumptuous Thanksgiving feast.

sunder *V.* अलग करना separate; part. Northern and southern Ireland are politically and religiously *sundered*.

supercilious *ADJ.* घमंडी arrogant; condescending; patronizing. The supercilious headwaiter sneered at customers whom he thought did not fit in at a restaurant catering to an ultrafashionable crowd.

superficial *ADJ.* सतही trivial; shallow. Since your report gave only a superficial analysis of the problem, I cannot give you more than a passing grade.

superfluous *ADJ.* ज़रूरत से ज्यादा unnecessary; excessive; overabundant. Betsy lacked the heart to tell June that the wedding present she brought was superfluous; she and Bob had already received five toasters. Please try not to include so many superfluous details in your report; just give me the facts. *superfluity*, *N.*

superimpose v. मिलाना place over something else. Your attempt to superimpose another agency in this field will merely increase the bureaucratic nature of our government.

supersede v. हटा देना cause to be set aside; replace; make obsolete. The new bulk mailing postal regulation *supersedes* the old one. If you continue to follow the old regulation, your bulk mailing will be returned to you.

supplant v. उखाड़ना replace; usurp. Bolingbroke, later to be known as King Henry IV, fought to supplant his cousin, Richard III, as King of England.

supple ADJ. कोमल flexible; pliant. Years of yoga exercises made Grace's body *supple*.

supplicate v. प्रार्थना करना petition humbly; pray to grant a favor. We supplicate Your Majesty to grant him amnesty.

supposition n. अनुमान hypothesis; the act of supposing. I based my decision to confide in him on the supposition that he would be discreet. suppose, v.

suppress v. दबाना stifle; overwhelm; subdue; inhibit. Too polite to laugh in anyone's face, Roy did his best to *suppress* his amusement at Ed's inane remark.

surfeit v. अतिरेक satiate; stuff; indulge to excess in anything. Every Thanksgiving we are *surfeited* with an overabundance of holiday treats. also n.

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surly ADJ. असह्य rude; cross. Because of his surly attitude, many people avoided his company.

surmise v. शंका guess. I surmise that he will be late for this meeting. also n.

surmount v. बढ़ना overcome. Could Helen Keller, blind and deaf since childhood, surmount her physical disabilities and lead a productive life?

surpass v. पार exceed. Her SAT I scores *surpassed* our expectations.

surreptitious ADJ. छल से किया हुआ secret; furtive; sneaky; hidden. Hoping to discover where his mom had hidden the Christmas presents, Timmy took a surreptitious peek into the master bedroom closet.

surrogate n. प्रतिनिधि substitute. For a fatherless child, a male teacher may become a father surrogate.

surveillance n. निगरानी watching; guarding. The FBI kept the house under constant surveillance in the hope of capturing all the criminals at one time,

susceptible ADJ. ग्रहणक्षम impressionable; easily influenced; having little resistance, as to a disease; receptive to. Said the patent medicine man to his very *susceptible* customer: "Buy this new miracle drug, and you will no longer be *susceptible* to the common cold."

sustain v. बनाए रखना experience; support; nourish. He *sustained* such a severe injury that the doctors feared he would be unable to work to sustain his growing family.

sustenance n. जीविका means of support, food, nourishment. In the tropics, the natives find sustenance easy to obtain, due to all the fruit trees.

suture n. टांका stitches sewn to hold the cut edges of a wound or incision; material used in sewing. We will remove the sutures as soon as the wound heals. also v.

swagger v. अकड़ behave arrogantly or pompously; strut or walk proudly. The conquering hero didn't simply stride down the street; he *swaggered*. also n.

swarm n. झुंड dense moving crowd; large group of honeybees. At the height of the city hall scandals, a constant swarm of reporters followed the mayor everywhere. also v.

swarthy ADJ. काले रंग का dark; dusky. Despite the stereotypes, not all Italians are swarthy, many are fair and blond.

swathe v. लपेटना wrap around; bandage. When I visited him in the hospital, I found him *swathed* in bandages.

swelter v. उलझन be oppressed by heat. I am going to buy an air conditioning unit for my apartment as I do not intend to swelter through another hot and humid summer.

swerve v. भटकना deviate; turn aside sharply. The car *swerved* wildly as the driver struggled to regain control of the wheel.

swill v. खंगालना drink greedily. Singing "Yo, ho, ho, and a bottle of rum," Long John Silver and his fellow pirates *swilled* their grog.

swindler n. ठग cheat. She was gullible and trusting, an easy victim for the first *swindler* who came along.

sybarite n. विषयी lover of luxury. Rich people are not always sybarites; some of them have little taste for a life of luxury.

sycophant n. चापलूस servile flatterer; bootlicker; yes man. Fed up with the toadies and flunkies who made up his entourage, the star cried, "Get out, all of you! I'm sick of *sycophants*!" sycophancy, n.

symbiosis n. सहजीवन interdependent relationship (between groups, species), often mutually beneficial. Both the crocodile bird and the crocodile derive benefit from their symbiosis: pecking away at food particles embedded in the crocodile's teeth, the bird receives nourishment; the crocodile, meanwhile, receives proper dental hygiene. symbiotic, adj.

symmetry n. समरूपता arrangement of parts so that balance is obtained; congruity. Something lopsided by definition lacks symmetry.

synoptic adj. सामान्य अवलोकन providing a general overview; summary. The professor turned to the latest issue of

Dissertation Abstracts for a synoptic account of what was new in the field. synopsis, n.

synthesis n. संश्लेषण combining parts into a whole. Now that we have succeeded in isolating this drug, our next problem is to plan its *synthesis* in the laboratory. synthesize, v.

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table v. तालिका set aside a resolution or proposal for future consideration. Because we seem unable to agree on this issue at the moment, let us table the motion for now and come back to it at a later date.

tacit adj. मतलब रखा हुआ understood; not put into words. We have a tacit agreement based on only a handshake.

taciturn adj. अल्पभाषी habitually silent; talking little. The stereotypical cowboy is a taciturn soul, answering lengthy questions with a "Yep" or "Nope."

tactile adj. स्पर्शनीय pertaining to the organs or sense of touch. His callused hands had lost their tactile sensitivity.

taint v. कलंक contaminate; cause to lose purity; modify with a trace of something bad. One speck of dirt on your utensils may contain enough germs to taint an entire batch of preserves.

talisman n. तावीज़ charm to bring good luck and avert misfortune. Joe believed the carved pendant he found in Vietnam served him as a talisman and brought him safely through the war.

talon n. कूपन claw of bird. The falconer wore a leather gauntlet to avoid being clawed by the hawk's talons.

tangential adj. स्पृश्या का peripheral; only slightly connected; digressing. Despite Clark's attempts to distract her with *tangential* remarks, Lois kept on coming back to her main question: why couldn't he come out to dinner with Superman and her?

tangible adj. वास्तविक able to be touched; real; palpable. Although Tom did not own a house, he had several *tangible* assets—a car, a television, a PC—that he could sell if he needed cash.

tanner n. टान्नेर person who turns animal hides into leather. Using a solution of tanbark, the *tanner* treated the cowhide, transforming it into supple leather.

tantalize v. बहुत कष्ट पहुंचाना tease; torture with disappointment. Tom loved to *tantalize* his younger brother with candy; he knew the boy was forbidden to have it.

tantamount adj. समान equivalent in effect or value. Though Rudy claimed his wife was off visiting friends, his shriek of horror when she walked into the room was *tantamount* to a confession that he believed she was dead.

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tantrum n. गुस्से का आवेश fit of petulance; caprice. The child learned that he could have almost anything if he had a tantrum.

tarantula n. बड़ी मकड़ी venomous spider. We need an antitoxin to counteract the bite of the tarantula.

tarry v. बासना delay; dawdle. We can't tarry if we want to get to the airport on time.

taut adj. तना हुआ tight; ready. The captain maintained that he ran a taut ship.

tautological *ADJ.* अनुलापिक needlessly repetitious. In the sentence "It was visible to the eye, " the phrase "to the eye" is tautological.

tautology *N.* अपनी दोहराना unnecessary repetition. "Joyful happiness" is an illustration of tautology.

tawdry *ADJ.* चमकी का cheap and gaudy. He won a few tawdry trinkets in Coney Island.

tedious *ADJ.* गैर दिलचस्प boring; tiring. The repetitious nature of work on the assembly line made Martin's job very *tedious*. *tedium*, *N.*

temerity *N.* उतावलापन boldness; rashness. Do you have the temerity to argue with me?

temper *V.* स्वभाव moderate; tone down or restrain; toughen (steel). Not even her supervisor's grumpiness could temper Nancy's enthusiasm for her new job.

temperament *N.* स्वभाव characteristic frame of mind; disposition; emotional excess. Although the twins look alike, they differ markedly *in temperament*: Todd is calm, but Rod is excitable.

temperate *ADJ.* शीतोष्ण restrained; self-controlled; moderate in respect to temperature. Try to be *temperate* in your eating this holiday season; if you control your appetite, you won't gain too much weight.

tempestuous *ADJ.* तूफानी stormy; impassioned; violent. Racketthrowing tennis star John

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McEnroe was famed for his displays of *tempestuous* temperament.

tempo *N.* गति speed of music. I find the band's *tempo* too slow for such a lively dance.

temporal *ADJ.* लौकिक not lasting forever; limited by time; secular. At onetime in our history, temporal rulers assumed that they had been given their thrones by divine right.

temporize *V.* टालमटोल करना avoid committing oneself; gain time. I cannot permit you to temporize any longer; I must have a definite answer today.

tenacious *ADJ.* दृढ़ holding fast. I had to struggle to break his *tenacious* hold on my arm.

tenacity *N.* तप firmness; persistence. Jean Valjean could not believe the *tenacity* of Inspector Javert. Here all Valjean had done was to steal a loaf of bread, and the inspector had pursued him doggedly for twenty years!

tendentious *ADJ.* विवादास्पद having an aim; biased; designed to further a cause. The editorials in this periodical are tendentious rather than truth-seeking.

tender *V.* निविदा offer; extend. Although no formal charges had been made against him, in the wake of the recent scandal the mayor felt he should tender his resignation.

tenet *N.* सिद्धांत doctrine; dogma. The agnostic did not accept the tenets of their faith.

tensile *ADJ.* लचीला capable of being stretched. Mountain climbers must know the tensile strength of their ropes. tentative *ADJ.* hesitant; not fully worked out or developed; experimental; not definite or positive. Unsure of his welcome at the Christmas party, Scrooge took a tentative step into his nephew's drawing room.

tenuous *ADJ.* तुच्छ thin; rare; slim. The allegiance of our allies is held by rather *tenuous* ties.

tenure *N.* कार्यकाल holding of an office; time during which such an office is held. He has permanent tenure in this position and cannot be fired.

tepid *ADJ.* थोड़े थोड़े गरम lukewarm. During the summer, I like to take a *tepid* bath, not a hot one.

termination *N.* समाप्ति end. Though the time for termination of the project was near, we still had a lot of work to finish before we shut up shop. *terminate*, *V.*

terminology *N.* शब्दावली terms used in a science or art. The special *terminology* developed by some authorities in the field has done more to confuse the layman than to enlighten him. *terminus* *N.* last stop of railroad. After we reached the railroad *terminus*, we continued our journey into the wilderness on saddle horses.

terrestrial *ADJ.* लौकिक earthly (as opposed to celestial); pertaining to the land. In many science fiction films, alien invaders from outer space plan to destroy all terrestrial life.

terse *ADJ.* संक्षिप्त concise; abrupt; pithy. There is a fine line between speech that is terse and to the point and speech that is too abrupt.

testy *ADJ.* चिड़चिड़ा irritable; short-tempered. My advice is to avoid discussing this problem with him today as he is rather testy and may shout at you.

tether v बांधने की रस्सी tie with a rope. Before we went to sleep, we tethered the horses to prevent their wandering off during the night.

thematic ADJ विषयगत relating to a unifying motif or idea. Those who think of *Moby Dick* as a simple adventure story about whaling miss its underlying thematic import.

theocracy N ईश्वरानुभूती government run by religious leaders. Though some Pilgrims aboard the Mayflower favored the establishment of a theocracy in New England, many of their fellow voyagers preferred a nonreligious form of government.

theoretical ADJ सैद्धांतिक not practical or applied; hypothetical. Bob was better at applied engineering and computer programming than he was at theoretical physics and math. While I can still think of some theoretical objections to your plan, you've convinced me of its basic soundness.

therapeutic ADJ चिकित्सकीय curative. Now better known for its racetrack, Saratoga Springs first gained attention for the therapeutic qualities of its famous "healing waters." therapy, N.

thermal ADJ थर्मल pertaining to heat. The natives discovered that the hot springs made excellent thermal baths and began to develop their community as a health resort. also N.

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thespian ADJ नाटकीय pertaining to drama. Her success in the school play convinced her she was destined for a thespian career. also N.

threadbare ADJ घिसा worn through till the threads show; shabby and poor. The poor adjunct professor hid the threadbare spots on his jacket by sewing leather patches on his sleeves.

thrifty ADJ मितव्ययी careful about money; economical. A thrifty shopper compares prices before making major purchases.

thrive v फलना prosper; flourish. Despite the impact of the recession on the restaurant trade, Philip's cafe thrived.

throes N. यंत्रणा violent anguish. The throes of despair can be as devastating as the spasms accompanying physical pain.

throng N. भीड़ crowd. Throngs of shoppers jammed the aisles. also v.

thwart v. विफल baffle; frustrate. He felt that everyone was trying to thwart his plans and prevent his success.

tightwad N. कंजूस excessively frugal person; miser. Jill called Jack a tightwad because he never picked up the check.

tiller N. पौधा handle used to move boat's rudder (to steer). Fearing the wind might shift suddenly and capsize the skiff, Tom kept one hand on the tiller at all times.

timidity N. कंजूस lack of self-confidence or courage. If you are to succeed as a salesman, you must first lose your timidity and fear of failure.

timorous ADJ कातर fearful; demonstrating fear. His timorous manner betrayed the fear he felt at the moment.

tirade N. निंदा-भाषण extended scolding; denunciation; harangue. Every time the boss holds a

meeting, he goes into a lengthy tirade, scolding us for everything from tardiness to padding our expenses.

titanic ADJ. विशाल gigantic. Titanic waves beat against the majestic S.S. Titanic, driving it against the concealed iceberg.

title N. शीर्षक right or claim to possession; mark of rank; name (of a book, film, etc.). Though the penniless Duke of Ragwort no longer held title to the family estate, he still retained his title as head of one of England's oldest families.

titter N. दबी हुई हँसी nervous laugh. Her aunt's constant titter nearly drove her mad. also v.

titular ADJ शीर्षक nominal holding of title without obligations. Although he was the titular head of the company, the real decisions were made by his general manager.

toady N. चापलूस servile flatterer; yes man. Never tell the boss anything he doesn't wish to hear: he doesn't want an independent adviser, he just wants a toady. also v.

tome N. मेरे लिए large volume. He spent much time in the libraries poring over ancient tomes.

tonic ADJ. शक्तिवर्धक औषध invigorating; refreshing. The tart homemade ginger ale had a tonic effect on Kit: she

perked right up. also N.

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topography N तलरूप physical features of a region. Before the generals gave the order to attack, they ordered a complete study of the topography of the region.

torpor N सो हो जाना lethargy; sluggishness; dormancy. Throughout the winter, nothing aroused the bear from his torpor: he would not emerge from hibernation until spring. torpid, ADJ.

torrent N धार rushing stream; flood. Day after day of heavy rain saturated the hillside until the water ran downhill in torrents. torrential, ADJ.

torrid ADJ गरम passionate; hot or scorching. Harlequin Romances publish torrid tales of love affairs, some set in torrid climates.

torso N धड़ trunk of statue with head and limbs missing; human trunk. This torso, found in the ruins of Pompeii, is now on exhibition in the museum in Naples.

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tortuous ADJ कपटपूर्ण winding; full of curves. Because this road is so tortuous, it is unwise to go faster than twenty miles an hour on it.

totter V लड़खड़ाते हुए चलना move unsteadily; sway, as if about to fall. On unsteady feet, the drunk tottered down the hill to the nearest bar.

touchstone N कसौटी stone used to test the fineness of gold alloys; criterion. What touchstone can be used to measure the character of a person?

touchy ADJ चिड़चिड़ा sensitive; irascible. Do not mention his bald spot; he's very touchy about it.

tout V खुल्लमखुल्ला प्रचार करने वाला publicize; praise excessively. I lost confidence in my broker after he touted some junk bonds to me that turned out to be a bad investment.

toxic ADJ विषैला poisonous. We must seek an antidote for whatever toxic substance he has eaten. toxicity, N.

tract N प्रणाली region of land (often imprecisely described); pamphlet. The king granted William Penn a tract of land in the New World. Penn then printed a tract in which he encouraged settlers to join his colony.

tractable ADJ विनयशील docile; easily managed. Although Susan seemed a tractable young woman, she had a stubborn streak of independence that occasionally led her to defy the powers-that-be when she felt they were in the wrong.

traduce V परिणाम expose to slander. His opponents tried to traduce the candidate's reputation by spreading rumors about his past.

trajectory N प्रक्षेपवक्र path taken by a projectile. The police tried to locate the spot from which the assassin had fired the fatal shot by tracing the trajectory of the bullet.

tranquillity N शांति calmness; peace. After the commotion and excitement of the city, I appreciate the tranquillity of these fields and forests.

transcendent ADJ उत्कृष्ट surpassing; exceeding ordinary limits; superior. For the amateur chef, dining at the four-star restaurant was a transcendent experience: the meal surpassed his wildest dreams.

transcribe V टाइप करना copy. When you transcribe your notes, please send a copy to Mr. Smith and keep the original for our files. transcription, N.

transgression N उल्लंघन violation of a law; sin. Forgive us our transgressions; we know not what we do.

transient ADJ क्षणिक momentary; temporary; staying for a short time. Lexy's joy at finding the perfect Christmas

gift for Phil was transient, she still had to find presents for the cousins and Uncle Bob. Located near the airport, this hotel caters to a largely transient trade. transience, N.

transition N संक्रमण going from one state of action to another. During the period of transition from oil heat to gas heat, the furnace will have to be shut off.

transitory ADJ क्षणसाथी impermanent; fleeting. Fame is transitory: today's rising star is all too soon tomorrow's washed-up has-been. transitoriness, N.

translucent ADJ पारदर्शी partly transparent. We could not recognize the people in the next room because of the

translucent curtains that separated us.

transmute *v* बदल देना change; convert to something different. He was unable to transmute his dreams into actualities.

transparent *ADJ* पारदर्शक easily detected; permitting light to pass through freely. John's pride in his son is *transparent*; no one who sees the two of them together can miss it.

transport *N* ट्रांसपोर्ट strong emotion. Margo was a creature of extremes, at one moment in transports of joy over a vivid sunset, at another moment in transports of grief over a dying bird. also *v*. (secondary meaning)

trappings *N* ताम-झाम outward decorations; ornaments. He loved the trappings of success: the limousines, the stock options, the company jet.

traumatic *ADJ* दर्दनाक pertaining to an injury caused by violence. In his nightmares, he kept on recalling the traumatic experience of being wounded in battle.

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travail *N* कष्ट painful labor. How long do you think a man can endure such travail and degradation without rebelling?

traverse *v* पार करना go through or across. When you traverse this field, be careful of the bull.

travesty *N* भड़ौआ comical parody; treatment aimed at making something appear ridiculous. The ridiculous decision the jury has reached is a travesty of justice.

treacly *ADJ* गुड़ का sticky sweet; cloyingly sentimental. Irritatingly cheerful, always looking on the bright side, Pollyanna speaks nothing but treacly sentimentalities. treacle, *N*.

treatise *N* निबंध article treating a subject systematically and thoroughly. He is preparing a treatise on the Elizabethan playwrights for his graduate degree.

trek *N* यात्रा travel; journey. The tribe made their trek farther north that summer in search of game. also *v*.

tremor *N* भूकंप के झटके trembling; slight quiver. She had a nervous tremor in her right hand.

tremulous *ADJ* काँपता हुआ trembling; wavering. She was tremulous more from excitement than from fear.

trenchant *ADJ* कटु cutting; keen. I am afraid of his *trenchant* wit for it is so often sarcastic.

trepidation *N* घबराहट fear; nervous apprehension. As she entered the office of the dean of admissions, Sharon felt some *trepidation* about how she would do in her interview.

trespass *v* अतिचार unlawfully enter the boundaries of some else's property. The wicked baron flogged any poacher who trespassed on his private hunting grounds. also *N*.

tribute *N* श्रद्धांजलि levied by a ruler; mark of respect. The colonists refused to pay tribute to a foreign despot.

trifling *ADJ* तुच्छ trivial; unimportant. Why bother going to see a doctor for such a trifling, everyday cold?

trigger *v* सक्रिय करना, यन्त्र को चालू करने का पुर्जा set off. John is touchy today; say one word wrong and you'll trigger an explosion.

trinket *N* तुच्छ वस्तु knickknack; bauble. Whenever she traveled abroad, Ethel would pick up costume jewelry and other trinkets as souvenirs.

trite *ADJ* घिसे-पिटे hackneyed; commonplace. The trite and predictable situations in many television programs turn off many viewers, who, in turn, turn off their sets.

trivial *ADJ* तुच्छ unimportant; trifling. Too many magazines ignore newsworthy subjects and feature trivial affairs. trivia, *N*.

trough *N* गर्त container for feeding farm animals; lowest point (of a wave, business cycle, etc.) The hungry pigs struggled to get at the fresh swill in the trough. The surfer rode her board, coasting along in the trough between two waves.

truculence *N* निर्दयता aggressiveness; ferocity. Tynan's reviews were noted for their caustic attacks and general tone of truculence. truculent, *ADJ*.

truism *N* सामान्य सत्य self-evident truth. Many a truism is summed up in a proverb; for example, "Marry in haste, repent at leisure."

truncate *v* काट-छांट cut the top off. The top of a cone that has been *truncated* in a plane parallel to its base is a circle.

tryst N. वास्ता meeting. The lovers kept their tryst even though they realized their danger.

tumult N. कोलाहल commotion; riot; noise. She could not make herself heard over the *tumult* of the mob.

tundra N. /苔原; 冻土/rolling, treeless plain in Siberia and arctic North America. Despite the cold, many geologists are trying to discover valuable mineral deposits in the *tundra*.

turbid ADJ. परेशान muddy; having the sediment disturbed. The water was *turbid* after the children had waded through it.

turbulence N. हंगामा state of violent agitation. Warned of approaching *turbulence* in the atmosphere, the pilot told the passengers to fasten their seat belts.

turgid ADJ. सूजा हुआ swollen; distended. The *turgid* river threatened to overflow the levees and flood the countryside.

turmoil N. उथल-पुथल commotion and confusion. Lydia running off with a soldier! Mother fainting at the

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news! The Bennet household was in *turmoil*.

turncoat N. दलबदलू traitor. The British considered Benedict Arnold a loyalist; the Americans considered him a *turncoat*.

turpitude N. नीचता depravity. A visitor may be denied admittance to this country if she has been guilty of moral *turpitude*.

tutelage N. संरक्षण guardianship; training. Under the *tutelage* of such masters of the instrument, she made rapid progress as a virtuoso.

tycoon N. शक्तिशाली उद्योगपति wealthy leader. John D. Rockefeller was a prominent *tycoon*.

typhoon N. आंधी tropical hurricane or cyclone. If you liked *Twister*, you'll love *Typhoon*!

tyranny N. उत्पीड़न oppression; cruel government. Frederick Douglass fought against the *tyranny* of slavery throughout his life.

tyro N. नौसिखिए beginner; novice. For a mere *tyro*, you have produced some wonderfully expert results.

ubiquitous ADJ. देशव्यापी being everywhere; omnipresent. That Christmas "The Little Drummer Boy" seemed *ubiquitous*; David heard the tune everywhere.

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ulterior ADJ. गुप्त situated beyond; unstated. You must have an *ulterior* motive for your behavior, since there is no obvious reason for it.

ultimate ADJ. अंतिम final; not susceptible to further analysis. Scientists are searching for *ultimate* truths.

unaccountable ADJ. गैरजिम्मेदार inexplicable; unreasonable or mysterious. I have taken an

unaccountable dislike to my doctor: "I do not love thee, Doctor Fell. The reason why, I cannot tell."

unanimity N. सर्व-सम्मति complete agreement. We were surprised by the *unanimity* with which members

of both parties accepted our proposals. unanimous, ADJ.

unassailable ADJ. अभेद्य not subject to question; not open to attack. Penelope's virtue was *unassailable*; while she waited for her husband to come back from the war, no other man had a chance.

unassuming ADJ. सरल modest. He is so *unassuming* that some people fail to realize how great a man he really is.

unbridled ADJ. निरंकुश violent. She had a sudden fit of *unbridled* rage.

uncanny ADJ. रहस्यमय strange; mysterious. You have the *uncanny* knack of reading my innermost thoughts.

unconscionable ADJ. बेशरम unscrupulous; excessive. She found the loan shark's demands *unconscionable* and impossible to meet.

uncouth ADJ. गंवार outlandish; clumsy; boorish. Most biographers portray Lincoln as an *uncouth* and ungainly young man.

unctuous ADJ. मरहम का oily; bland; insincerely suave. Uriah Heep disguised his nefarious

actions by *unctuous* protestations of his "humility."

underlying *ADJ.* आधारभूत fundamental; lying below. The *underlying* cause of the student riot was not the strict curfew rule but the moldy cafeteria food. Miss Marple seems a sweet little old lady at first, but there's an iron will *underlying* that soft and fluffy facade.

undermine *v.* कमजोर weaken; sap. The recent corruption scandals have *undermined* many people's faith in the city government. The recent torrential rains have washed away much of the cliffside; the deluge threatens to *undermine* the pillars supporting several houses at the edge of the cliff.

underscore *v.* बल देना emphasize. Addressing the jogging class, Kim *underscored* the importance to runners of good nutrition.

undulating *ADJ.* लहरदार moving with a wavelike motion. The Hilo Hula Festival was an *undulating* sea of grass skirts.

unearth *v.* पता लगाना dig up. When they *unearthed* the city, the archeologists found many relics of an ancient civilization.

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unequivocal *ADJ.* स्पष्ट plain; obvious; unmistakable. My answer to your proposal is an *unequivocal* and absolute "No."

unerringly *ADJ.* अचूक infallibly. My teacher *unerringly* pounced on the one typographical error in my essay.

unfathomable *ADJ.* अपरिमेय incomprehensible; impenetrable. Unable to get to the bottom of the mystery, Watson declared it was *unfathomable*.

unfetter *v.* मुक्त कर देना liberate; free from chains. Chained to the wall for months on end, the hostage despaired that he would ever be *unfettered*.

unfrock *v.* पद लेना strip a priest or minister of church authority. To disbar a lawyer, to *unfrock* a priest, to suspend a doctor's license to practice-these are extreme steps that the authorities should take only after careful consideration.

ungainly *ADJ.* कुरूप awkward; clumsy; unwieldy. "If you want to know whether Nick's an *ungainly* dancer, check out my bruised feet," said Nora. Anyone who has ever tried to carry a bass fiddle knows it's an *ungainly* instrument.

uniformity *n.* वर्दी sameness; monotony. At Persons magazine, we strive for uniformity of style; as a result, all our writers wind up sounding exactly alike.

unimpeachable *ADJ.* ज़ाहिर blameless and exemplary. Her conduct in office was *unimpeachable* and her record is spotless.

uninhibited *ADJ.* बेहिचक unrepressed. The congregation was shocked by her *uninhibited* laughter during the sermon.

unintimidating *ADJ.* निर्भीक unfrightening. Though Phil had expected to feel overawed when he met Steve Young, he found the famous quarterback friendly and *unintimidating*.

unique *ADJ.* अद्वितीय without an equal; single in kind. You have the *unique* distinction of being the only student whom I have had to fail in this course.

universal *ADJ.* सार्वभौमिक characterizing or affecting all; present everywhere. At first, no one shared Christopher's opinions; his theory that the world was round was met with universal disdain.

unkempt *ADJ.* मैला disheveled; uncared for in appearance. Jeremy hated his neighbor's unkempt lawn: he thought its neglected appearance had a detrimental effect on neighborhood property values.

unmitigated *ADJ.* निरंतर *unrelieved* or immoderate; absolute. After four days of *unmitigated* heat, I was ready to collapse from heat prostration. The congresswoman's husband was an *unmitigated* jerk: not only did he abandon her, he took her campaign funds, too!

unobtrusive *ADJ.* विनीत inconspicuous; not blatant. Reluctant to attract notice, the governess took a chair in a far corner of the room and tried to be as *unobtrusive* as possible.

unpalatable *ADJ.* कड़ा distasteful; disagreeable. "I refuse to swallow your conclusion," said she, finding his logic unpalatable.

unprecedented *ADJ.* अभूतपूर्व novel; unparalleled. For a first novel, Margaret Mitchell's novel *Gone with the Wind* was an *unprecedented* success.

unprepossessing *ADJ.* अनाकर्षक unattractive. During adolescence many attractive young people somehow acquire the false notion that their appearance is *unprepossessing*.

unravel *v.* खोलना disentangle; solve. With equal ease Miss Marple *unraveled* tangled balls of yarn and

baffling murder mysteries.

unrequited ADJ. अनिष्ट not reciprocated. Suffering the pangs of *unrequited* love, Olivia rebukes Cesario for his hardheartedness.

unruly ADJ. अनियंत्रित disobedient; lawless. The only way to curb this *unruly* mob is to use tear gas.

unscathed ADJ. पूरा हुआ unharmed. They prayed he would come back from the war *unscathed*.

unseemly ADJ. गंदा unbecoming; indecent; in poor taste. When he put whoopee cushions on all the seats in the funeral parlor, his conduct was most *unseemly*.

unsightly ADJ. भद्दा ugly. Although James was an experienced emergency room nurse, he occasionally became queasy when faced with a particularly *unsightly* injury.

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unstinting ADJ. सतत giving generously; not holding back. The dean praised the donor of the new science building for her *unstinting* generosity.

untenable ADJ. असमर्थनीय indefensible; not able to be maintained. Wayne is so contrary that, the more *untenable* a position is, the harder he'll try to defend it.

unwarranted ADJ. अनुचित unjustified; groundless; undeserved. Your assumption that I would accept your proposal is *unwarranted*, sir; I do not want to marry you at all. *We* could not understand Martin's *unwarranted* rudeness to his mother's guests.

unwieldy ADJ. बोझिल awkward; cumbersome; unmanageable. The large carton was so *unwieldy* that the movers had trouble getting it up the stairs.

unwitting ADJ. अनिच्छित unintentional; not knowing. She was the *unwitting* tool of the swindlers.

upbraid V. फटकारना severely scold; reprimand. Not only did Miss Minchin *upbraid* Ermengarde for her disobedience, but she hung her up by her braids from a coat rack in the classroom. uproarious

upshot N. परिणाम outcome. The upshot of the rematch was that the former champion proved that he still possessed all the skills of his youth.

urbane ADJ. भद्र suave; refined; elegant. The courtier was *urbane* and sophisticated.
urbanity, N.

usurp V. हड़पना seize another's power or rank. The revolution ended when the victorious rebel general succeeded in his attempt to usurp the throne.

utopia N. आदर्शलोक ideal place, state, or society. Fed up with this imperfect universe, Don would have liked to run off to Shangri-la or some other imaginary utopia. utopian, ADJ. vacillate V. waver; fluctuate. Uncertain which suitor she ought to marry, the princess vacillated, saying now one, now the other. The big boss likes his people to be decisive: when he asks you for your opinion, whatever you do, don't vacillate. vacillation, N.

vacuous ADJ. असार empty; inane. The vacuous remarks of the politician annoyed the audience, who had hoped to hear more than empty platitudes.

vagabond N. आवारा wanderer; tramp. In summer, college students wander the roads of Europe like carefree *vagabonds*. also ADJ.

vagrant N. आवारागर्द a homeless wanderer. Because he was a stranger in town with no visible means of support, Martin feared he would be jailed as a vagrant. vagrancy, N.

valedictory ADJ. विदा का pertaining to farewell. I found the valedictory address too long; leave-taking should be brief.

valid ADJ. वैध logically convincing; sound; legally acceptable. You're going to have to come up with a better argument if you want to convince me that your reasoning is valid.

validate V. मान्य confirm; ratify. I will not publish my findings until I validate my results.

valor N. शौर्य, साहस bravery. He received the Medal of Honor for his valor in battle.

vampire N. पिशाच ghostly being that sucks the blood of the living. Children were afraid to go to sleep because of the many legends of vampires roaming at night.

vanguard N. हरावल forerunners; advance forces. We are the vanguard of a tremendous army that is following us.

vantage N. सहूलियत position giving an advantage. They fired upon the enemy from behind trees, walls and any other point of *vantage* they could find.

vapid ADJ. नीरस dull and unimaginative; insipid and flavorless. "Bor-ing!" said

Jessica, as she suffered through yet another vapid lecture about Dead White Male Poets.

***vaporize** v. भाप बनकर turn into vapor (steam, gas, fog, etc.). "Zap!" went Super Mario's atomic ray gun as he vaporized another deadly foe.

variegated ADJ तरह तरह का many-colored. Without her glasses, Gretchen saw the fields of tulips as a *variegated* blur.

veer v. घुमाना change in direction. After what seemed an eternity, the wind *veered* to the east and the storm

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abated.

vehement ADJ तवलीन forceful; intensely emotional; with marked vigor. Alfred became so *vehement* in describing what was wrong with the Internal Revenue Service that he began jumping up and down and frothing at the mouth. *vehemence*, N.

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velocity N. वेग speed. The train went by at considerable *velocity*.

venal ADJ. ज़रखीद capable of being bribed. The venal policeman cheerfully accepted the bribe offered him by the speeding motorist whom he had stopped.

vendetta N. प्रतिशोध blood feud. The rival mobs engaged in a bitter vendetta.

vendor N. विक्रेता seller. The fruit *vendor* sold her wares from a stall on the sidewalk.

veneer N. पोशिश thin layer; cover. Casual acquaintances were deceived by his *veneer* of sophistication and failed to recognize his fundamental shallowness.

venerable ADJ. सम्मानित deserving high respect. We do not mean to be disrespectful when we refuse to follow the advice of our *venerable* leader.

venerate v. सम्मानित करना revere. In Tibet today, the common people still *venerate* their traditional spiritual leader, the Dalai Lama.

venial ADJ. क्षम्य forgivable; trivial. When Jean Valjean stole a loaf of bread to feed his starving sister, he committed a *venial* offense.

venom N. विष poison; hatred. Bitten by a rattlesnake on his ankle, the cowboy contortionist curled up like a pretzel and sucked the *venom* out of the wound.

vent N. बाहर निकलने देना a small opening; outlet. The wine did not flow because the air *vent* in the barrel was clogged.

vent v. जाने देना express; utter. The angry teacher *vented* his wrath on his class.

ventriloquist N. गरुडवादी, तरह तरह की आवाज़ें निकाल सकनेवाला someone who can make his or her voice seem to come from another person or thing. This *ventriloquist* does an act in which she has a conversation with a wooden dummy.

venturesome ADJ. साहसी bold. A group of *venturesome* women were the first to scale Mt. Annapurna.

veracity N. सच्चाई truthfulness. Asserting his *veracity*, young George Washington proclaimed, "Father, I cannot tell a lie!"

verbalize v. क्रिया बनाना put into words. I know you don't like to talk about these things, but please try to *verbalize* your feelings.

verbatim ADV. शब्द प्रति शब्द word for word. He repeated the message *verbatim*. also ADJ.

verbiage N. शब्दाडंबर pompous array of words. After we had waded through all the *verbiage*, we discovered that the writer had said very little.

verbose ADJ. वाचाल wordy. Someone mute can't talk; someone *verbose* can hardly stop talking.

verdant ADJ. सब्ज़ green; lush in vegetation. Monet's paintings of the *verdant* meadows were symphonies in green.

verge N. कगार border; edge. Madame Curie knew she was on the *verge* of discovering the secrets of radioactive elements. also v.

verisimilitude N. संभाव्यता appearance of truth; likelihood. Critics praised her for the *verisimilitude* of her performance as Lady Macbeth. She was completely believable.

verity N. सचाई quality of being true; lasting truth or principle. Did you question the *verity* of Kato Kaelin's testimony about what he heard the night Nicole Brown Simpson was slain? To the

skeptic, everything was relative: there were no eternal *verities* in which one could believe.

vernacular *N* मातृभाषा living language; natural style. Cut out those old-fashioned thee's and thou's and write in the *vernacular*. also *ADJ*.

versatile *ADJ* बहुमुखी having many talents; capable of working in many fields. She was a
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versatile athlete, earning varsity letters in basketball, hockey, and track.

vertex *N* शिखर summit. Let us drop a perpendicular line from the vertex of the triangle to the base.

vertigo *N* सिर का चक्कर severe dizziness. When you test potential airplane pilots for susceptibility to spells of vertigo, be sure to hand out air-sickness bags.

verve *N* चुस्ती enthusiasm; liveliness. She approached her studies with such verve that it was impossible for her to do poorly.

vestige *N* निशान trace; remains. We discovered vestiges of early Indian life in the cave.
vestigial, ADJ.

vex *N* तंग करना annoy; distress. Please try not to vex your mother; she is doing the best she can.

viable *ADJ* व्यवहार्य practical or workable; capable of maintaining life. That idea won't work. Let me see whether I can come up with a *viable* alternative.

vicarious *ADJ* प्रतिनिधिक acting as a substitute; done by a deputy. Many people get a vicarious thrill at the movies by imagining they are the characters on the screen.

vicissitude *N* अन्याय change of fortune. Humbled by life's *vicissitudes*, the last emperor of China worked as a lowly gardener in the palace over which he had once ruled.

vie *V* झगड़ना contend; compete. Politicians vie with one another, competing for donations and votes.

vigilance *N* जागरूकता watchfulness. Eternal *vigilance* is the price of liberty.

vignette *N* शब्दचित्र picture; short literary sketch. The *New Yorker* published her latest vignette.

vigor *N* ताकत active strength. Although he was over seventy years old, Jack had the vigor of a man in his prime. *vigorous, ADJ*.

vilify *V* गाली देना slander. Waging a highly negative campaign, the candidate attempted to *vilify* his opponent's reputation. *vilification, N*.

vindicate *V* साबित कर देना clear from blame; exonerate; justify or support. The lawyer's goal was to *vindicate* her client and prove him innocent on all charges. The critics' extremely favorable reviews *vindicate* my opinion that *The Madness of King George* is a brilliant movie.

vindictive *ADJ* प्रतिशोधी out for revenge; malicious. I think it's unworthy of Martha to be so *vindictive*; she shouldn't stoop to such petty acts of revenge.

viper *N* नाग poisonous snake. The habitat of the horned *viper*, a particularly venomous snake, is in sandy regions like the Sahara or the Sinai peninsula.

virile *ADJ* पुरुष या पुरुषत्व संबंधी manly. I do not accept the premise that a man proves he's *virile* by being belligerent.

virtual *ADJ* वास्तविक in essence; for practical purposes. She is a *virtual* financial wizard when it comes to money matters.

virtue *N* गुण goodness, moral excellence; good quality. *Virtue* carried to extremes can turn into vice: humility, for example, can degenerate into servility and spinelessness.

virtuoso *N* कलाप्रवीण व्यक्ति highly skilled artist. The child prodigy Yehudi Menuhin grew into a *virtuoso* whose violin performances thrilled millions. *virtuosity, N*.

virulent *ADJ* विषैला extremely poisonous; hostile; bitter. Laid up with a virulent case of measles, Vera blamed her doctors because her recovery took so long. In fact, she became quite virulent on the subject of the quality of modern medical care.

virus *N* विषाणु disease communicator. The doctors are looking for a specific medicine to control this virus.

visceral *ADJ* आंत का felt in one's inner organs. She disliked the visceral sensations she had whenever she rode the roller coaster.

viscid **ADJ** चिपचिपा adhesive; gluey. The trunk of the maple tree was *viscid* with sap.

viscous **ADJ** चिपचिपा sticky; gluey. Melted tar is a viscous substance. Viscosity, **N**.

vise **N** बॉक tool for holding work in place. Before filing its edges, the locksmith took the blank key and fixed it firmly between the jaws of a vise.

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visionary **ADJ** काल्पनिक produced by imagination; fanciful; mystical. She was given to visionary schemes that never materialized. also **N**.

vital **ADJ** महत्वपूर्ण vibrant and lively; critical; living, breathing. The **vital, highly energetic first aid instructor stressed that it was vital in examining accident victims to note their vital signs.**

vitriolic **ADJ** कटु corrosive; sarcastic. Such vitriolic criticism is uncalled for.

vituperative **ADJ** निंदापूर्ण abusive; scolding. He became more vituperative as he realized that we were not going to grant him his wish.

vivacious **ADJ** गरमागरम animated; lively. She had always been vivacious and sparkling.

vociferous **ADJ** मुखर clamorous; noisy. The crowd grew vociferous in its anger and threatened to take the law into its own hands.

vogue **N** प्रचलन popular fashion. Jeans became the vogue on many college campuses.

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volatile **ADJ** परिवर्तनशील changeable; explosive; evaporating rapidly. The political climate today is extremely volatile: No one can predict what the electorate will do next. Maria Callas's temper was extremely volatile: The only thing you could predict was that she was sure to blow up. Acetone is an extremely volatile liquid: It evaporates instantly.

volition **N** इच्छाशक्ति act of making a conscious choice. She selected this dress of her own volition.

voluble **ADJ** बातूनी fluent; glib; talkative. The excessively *voluble* speaker suffers from logorrhea: he runs off at the mouth a lot!

voluminous **ADJ** मोटा bulky; large. A caftan is a voluminous garment; most people wearing one look as if they're draped in a small tent.

voluptuous **ADJ** कामुक gratifying the senses. The nobility during the Renaissance led voluptuous lives.

voracious **ADJ** पेटू ravenous. The wolf is a voracious animal, its hunger never satisfied.

vortex **N** भंवर whirlwind; whirlpool; center of turbulence; predicament into which one is inexorably plunged. Sucked into the vortex of the tornado, Dorothy and Toto were carried from Kansas to Oz.

vouchsafe **V** विभूषित करना grant; choose to give in reply; permit. Occasionally the rock star would drift out onto the balcony and *vouchsafe* the crowd below a glimpse of her celebrated features. The professor *vouchsafed* not a word to the students' questions about what would be covered on the test.

voyeur दृश्यरतिक Peeping Tom. Nancy called her brother a *voyeur* when she caught him aiming his binoculars at an upstairs window of the house of the newlyweds next door.

vulnerable **ADJ** चपेट में susceptible to wounds. His opponents could not harm Achilles, who was *vulnerable* only in his heel.

waffle **V** वफ़ल, गपशप speak equivocally about an issue. When asked directly about the governor's involvement in the savings and loan scandal, the press secretary *waffled*, talking all around the issue.

waft **V** गूँज moved gently by wind or waves. Daydreaming, he gazed at the leaves that *wafted* past his window.

waggish **ADJ** चपल, मजाकिया mischievous; humorous; tricky. He was a prankster who, unfortunately, often overlooked the damage he could cause with his *waggish* tricks. wag, **N**.

waif **N** परित्यक्त homeless child or animal. Although he already had eight cats, he could not resist adopting yet another feline waif.

waive **V** माफ give up temporarily; yield. I will *waive* my rights in this matter in order to expedite our reaching a proper decision.

wake **N** जगाना trail of ship or other object through water; path of something that has gone before. The *wake* of the swan gliding through the water glistened in the moonlight. Reporters and photographers

converged on South Carolina in the *wake* of the hurricane that devastated much of the eastern seaboard.

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wallow *v.* कीचड़ में खींचना roll in; indulge in; become helpless. The hippopotamus loves to wallow in the mud.

wan *ADJ.* फीका having a pale or sickly color; pallid. Suckling asked, "Why so pale and *wan*, fond lover?"

wane *v.* पतन decrease in size or strength; draw gradually to an end. When lit, does a wax candle *wane*?

wanton *ADJ.* प्रचंड unrestrained; willfully malicious; unchaste. Pointing to the stack

of bills, Sheldon criticized Sarah for her *wanton* expenditures. In response, Sarah accused Sheldon of making an unfounded, *wanton* attack.

warble *v.* गीत sing; babble. Every morning the birds *warbled* outside her window. also *n.*

warrant *v.* अधिकार justify; authorize. Before the judge issues the injunction, you must convince her this action is *warranted*.

warranty *n.* गारंटी guarantee; assurance by seller. The purchaser of this automobile is protected by the manufacturer's *warranty* that the company will replace any defective part for five years or 50,000 miles.

wary *ADJ.* सावधान very cautious. The spies grew *wary* as they approached the sentry.

wastrel *n.* खराबी profligate. His neighbors denounced him as a wastrel who had dissipated his inheritance.

watershed *n.* जलविभाजन crucial dividing point. The invention of the personal computer proved a historic *watershed*, for it opened the way to today's Information Age.

wax *v.* मोम increase; grow. With proper handling, his fortunes waxed and he became rich.

waylay *v.* ताक में रहना ambush; lie in wait. They agreed to *waylay* their victim as he passed through the dark alley going home.

wean *v.* दूध छुड़ाना accustom a baby to not nurse; give up a cherished activity. He decided he would wean himself away from eating junk food and stick to fruits and vegetables.

weather *v.* मौसम endure the effects of weather or other forces. He *weathered* the changes in his personal life with difficulty, as he had no one in whom to confide.

welter *n.* हडबडी turmoil; bewildering jumble. The existing welter of overlapping federal and state programs cries out for immediate reform.

wheedle *v.* मान जाओ ना cajole; coax; deceive by flattery. She knows she can *wheedle* almost anything she wants from her father.

whelp *n.* पिल्ला young wolf, dog, tiger, etc. This collie *whelp* won't do for breeding, but he'd make a fine pet.

whet *v.* भूख बढ़ाने के लिये खाई हुई थोड़ी चीज sharpen; stimulate. The odors from the kitchen are *whetting* my appetite; I will be ravenous by the time the meal is served.

whiff *n.* एहसास puff or gust (of air, scent, etc.); hint. The slightest *whiff* of Old Spice cologne brought memories of George to her mind.

whimsical *ADJ.* सनकी capricious; fanciful. In *Mrs. Doubtfire*, the hero is a playful, *whimsical* man who takes a notion to dress up as a woman so that he can look after his children, who are in the custody of his ex-wife. whimsy, *n.*

whinny *v.* हिनाहिनाहट neigh like a horse. When he laughed through his nose, it sounded as if he *whinnied*.

whittle *v.* छीलना pare; cut off bits. As a present for Aunt Polly, Tom *whittled* some clothespins out of a chunk of wood.

willful *ADJ.* खुदराय intentional; headstrong. Donald had planned to kill his wife for months; clearly, her death was a case of deliberate, *willful* murder, not a crime of passion committed by a hasty, willful youth unable to foresee the consequences of his deeds.

wily *ADJ.* खुदराय cunning; artful. She is as wily as a fox in avoiding trouble.

wince *v.* झिझक shrink back; flinch. The screech of the chalk on the blackboard made her *wince*.

windfall *n.* अप्रत्याशित unexpected lucky event. This huge tax refund is quite a *windfall*.

winnow *v.* फटकना sift; separate good parts from bad. This test will *winnow* out the students who study from those who don't bother.

winsome *ADJ* मनोहर agreeable; gracious; engaging. By her *winsome* manner, she made herself liked by everyone who met her.

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wispy *ADJ* अस्पष्ट thin; slight; barely discernible. Worried about preserving his few wispy tufts of hair, Walter carefully massaged his scalp and applied hair restorer every night.

wistful *ADJ* उदास vaguely longing; sadly thoughtful. With a last wistful glance at the happy couples dancing in the hall, Sue headed back to her room to study for her exam.

withdrawn *ADJ* वापस ले लिया introverted; remote. Rebuffed by his colleagues, the initially outgoing young researcher became increasingly *withdrawn*.

wither *v* कुम्हलाना shrivel; decay. Cut flowers are beautiful for a day, but all too soon they *wither*.

withhold *v* रोक refuse to give; hold back. The tenants decided to *withhold* a portion of the rent until the landlord kept his promise to renovate the building.

withstand *v* सामना stand up against; successfully resist. If you can *withstand* all the peer pressure in high school to cut classes and goof off, you should survive college just fine.

witless *ADJ* नासमझ foolish; idiotic. If Beavis is a half-wit, then Butthead is totally witless.

witticism *n* चुटकुला witty saying; wisecrack. I don't mean any criticism, but that last witticism totally hurt my feelings.

wizardry *n* प्रतिभा sorcery; magic. Merlin the Magician amazed the knights with his wizardry.

woe *n* शोक deep, inconsolable grief; affliction; suffering. Pale and wan with grief, Wanda was bowed down beneath the burden of her woes.

worldly *ADJ* सांसारिक engrossed in matters of this earth; not spiritual. You must leave your *worldly* goods behind you when you go to meet your Maker.

wrath *n* कोप anger; fury. She turned to him, full of wrath, and said, "What makes you think I'll accept lower pay for this job than you get?"

wrench *v* पाना pull; strain; twist. She *wrenched* free of her attacker and landed a powerful kick to his kneecap.

writhe *v* उमेठना twist in coils; contort in pain. In *Dances with Snakes*, the snake dancer wriggled sinuously as her boa constrictor *writhed* around her torso.

wry *ADJ* मरोड़ा हुआ twisted; with a humorous twist. We enjoy Dorothy Parker's verse for its wry wit.

xenophobia *n* विदेशी लोगों को न पसन्द करना fear or hatred of foreigners. When the refugee arrived in America, he was unprepared for the *xenophobia* he found there.

yen तरसना longing; urge. She had a yen to get away and live on her own for a while.

yield *v* प्राप्ति give in; surrender. The wounded knight refused to yield to his foe.

yield *n* प्राप्ति amount produced; crop; income on investment. An experienced farmer can estimate the annual yield of his acres with surprising accuracy. also *v*.

yoke *v* घोड़े का अंसबंध join together, unite. I don't wish to be *yoked* to him in marriage, as if we were cattle pulling a plow. also *n*.

yore *n* गया काल time past. He dreamed of the elegant homes of yore, but gave no thought to their inelegant plumbing.

zany *ADJ* बौड़म crazy; comic. I can watch the Marx brothers' zany antics for hours.

zeal *n* उत्साह eager enthusiasm. Katya's zeal was contagious; soon all her fellow students were busily making posters, inspired by her ardent enthusiasm for the cause. zealous, *ADJ*.

zealot *n* कट्टरपंथी fanatic; person who shows excessive zeal. Though Glenn was devout, he was no zealot, he never tried to force his beliefs on his friends.

zenith *n* शीर्षबिंदु point directly overhead in the sky; summit. When the sun was at its *zenith*, the glare was not as strong as at sunrise and sunset.

zephyr *n* हलकी हवा gentle breeze; west wind. When these *zephyrs* blow, it is good to be in an open boat under a full sail.

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