

# Vocabulary Flashcards

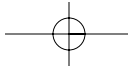
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## How to Use the Flashcards

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### *Step 1*

Detach flashcards. After reading each definition, recall the word and put it in a sentence. If the word immediately pops into your head and you are able to use it in a sentence without hesitation, you own it.

### *Step 2*

Divide the cards into two piles. In the first put the words you know instinctively; in the second, place the words you can define and put into sentences but only after working at it, along with the words you did not know.

### *Step 3*

Go over those in the first pile three times, saying them aloud and putting them in sentences. Do the same for those in the second pile, only repeat the drill a dozen times, emphasizing and writing the word each time.

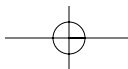
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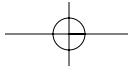
After a short break go through all the cards very quickly. Any word you miss or have trouble putting in a sentence, place with the cards containing the words you missed.

### *Step 5*

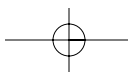
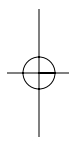
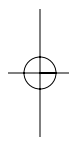
Go through all your cards three times two or three weeks before taking the SAT or other standardized test. Set aside the cards containing words you miss and look at them two or three days before the test. Do not study the night before; that's usually counterproductive. If you have worked at the exercises in this book, you have earned the right to feel that you have done all you can do and nobody can do more than that.

Good luck!

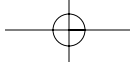




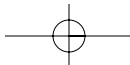
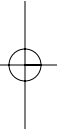
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<b>abhor</b>	<b>abridge</b>
<b>abrogate</b>	<b>abscond</b>
<b>absolve</b>	<b>abstinence</b>



<p><b>abeyance</b> (<i>n.</i>) temporary inactivity or suspension</p> <p>They held the decision in abeyance until they had more information.</p>	<p><b>abdicate</b> (<i>v.</i>) give up one's position, office, or power</p> <p>The angry citizens forced the king to abdicate the throne.</p>
<p><b>abridge</b> (<i>v.</i>) shorten or reduce</p> <p>Dictionaries are often abridged to make them smaller and easier to use.</p>	<p><b>abhor</b> (<i>v.</i>) hate; detest</p> <p>She's so impatient that she abhors being behind slow drivers.</p>
<p><b>abscond</b> (<i>v.</i>) leave secretly so as to avoid capture</p> <p>The bank teller absconded with the money.</p>	<p><b>abrogate</b> (<i>v.</i>) formally abolish; repeal</p> <p>Many old laws are abrogated when they become outdated.</p>
<p><b>abstinence</b> (<i>n.</i>) the act of going without something</p> <p>George was trying to lose weight, so he practiced abstinence when it came to eating fatty foods.</p>	<p><b>absolve</b> (<i>v.</i>) free from blame</p> <p>Peter was absolved of guilt when John testified that the two of them were together on the night of the robbery.</p>



<b>abstruse</b>	<b>accolade</b>
<b>accost</b>	<b>adamantine</b>
<b>adept</b>	<b>adroit</b>
<b>alacrity</b>	<b>apathetic</b>



**accolade** (*n., usually plural*) honor or recognition for something well done

The Oscar-winning film won accolades from all the critics.

**abstruse** (*adj.*) understood by only a few

Advanced techniques of computer programming are quite abstruse.

**adamantine** (*adj.*) too hard to cut, break or pierce

Without the right tools, he could not cut through the adamantine rock.

**accost** (*v.*) approach or greet aggressively

The instant I walked into the store I was accosted by a salesman.

**adroit** (*adv./adj.*) clever; skillful

After the heist, the robber adroitly eluded the police for weeks.

**adept** (*adj.*) skilled

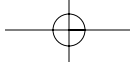
After assisting a carpenter all summer, Fred became quite adept at woodwork.

**apathetic** (*adj.*) Showing little or no emotion; cold

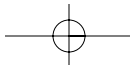
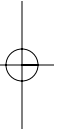
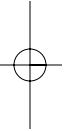
Surprisingly, Joanne seemed apathetic when told her mother was seriously ill.

**alacrity** (*n.*) cheerful willingness; eagerness

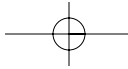
She couldn't afford to buy a ticket, so she accepted the invitation to the concert with alacrity.



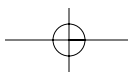
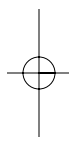
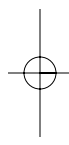
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<b>banal</b>	<b>banish</b>
<b>bastion</b>	<b>beguile</b>



<p><b>arbiter</b> (<i>n.</i>) person with power to decide; judge; referee</p> <p>The home plate umpire is the arbiter of balls and strikes.</p>	<p><b>append</b> (<i>v.</i>) add</p> <p>Rather than retype the whole contract, the lawyer appended the new provisions on an extra page.</p>
<p><b>authenticity</b> (<i>n.</i>) the quality of being genuine</p> <p>The Great Seal of the United States assures the authenticity of paper money.</p>	<p><b>archaic</b> (<i>adj.</i>) old; from an earlier period</p> <p>Words like “thou” and “methinks” are considered archaic nowadays.</p>
<p><b>banish</b> (<i>v.</i>) exile; send away to another place or country</p> <p>The old leader was banished when the new regime took over.</p>	<p><b>banal</b> (<i>adj.</i>) dull, especially due to overfamiliarity</p> <p>Jokes tend to become banal once you’ve heard them a few times.</p>
<p><b>beguile</b> (<i>v.</i>) deceive, trick, or mislead</p> <p>The clever thief beguiled his victims with his smooth talking.</p>	<p><b>bastion</b> (<i>n.</i>) stronghold; place of great fortification</p> <p>America is considered a great bastion of freedom around the world.</p>



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<b>biennial</b>	<b>bigot</b>
<b>billowing</b>	<b>blasé</b>
<b>blatant</b>	<b>blunder</b>



**benign** (*adj.*) kind; good-natured disposition

The king was well-liked because of his benign disposition.

**bellicose** (*adj.*) inclined to pick fights; quarrelsome

The bellicose leader constantly had his country on the brink of war.

**bigot** (*n.*) intolerant person

The judge was a bigot who always ruled against minorities.

**biennial** (*adj.*) happening every two years

The Olympic games are a biennial event.

**blasé** (*adj.*) nonchalant; cool

The teacher became annoyed when the student acted blasé about missing the test.

**billowing** (*v.*) puffing up, as by the action of the wind

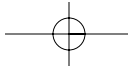
The flags were billowing as the storm approached.

**blunder** (*v.*) to make a mistake; err

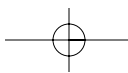
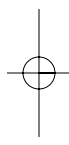
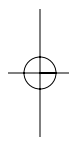
The planner blundered when he scheduled two games on the same field at the same time.

**blatant** (*adj.*) obvious in a defiant way

His blatant lies didn't fool anyone.



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<b>boorish</b>	<b>brandish</b>
<b>brazen</b>	<b>brevity</b>
<b>brusque</b>	<b>buckle</b>



**bonanza** (*n.*) spectacular windfall

His unexpected inheritance was a bonanza that enabled him to buy a mansion.

**bombastic** (*adj.*) pompous in speech or writing

The preacher gave a bombastic sermon on the evils of graffiti.

**brandish** (*v.*) shake or wave, as a weapon

He brandished the knife to frighten his attacker.

**boorish** (*adj.*) crude; insensitive

He hurt her feelings by making boorish remarks about her painting.

**brevity** (*n.*) quality of being brief and to the point

When you have only a few minutes to tell a story, brevity is necessary.

**brazen** (*adj.*) bold in a rude way

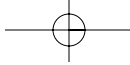
The class was shocked at the brazen remarks the student made to the teacher.

**buckle** (*v.*) sag or collapse under pressure

The bridge buckled because there were too many trucks on it.

**brusque** (*adj.*) blunt or rough in manner

The clerk's replies became brusque when the customer kept asking the same questions.



**burglarize**

**cache**

**callous**

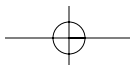
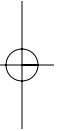
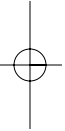
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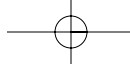
**cavalier**

**celerity**

**chagrin**

**charlatan**





**cache** (*n.*) stockpile or hiding place

The thief finally revealed where he had hidden his cache of stolen goods.

**burglarize** (*v.*) rob; steal from

We had to buy a new TV because ours was taken when the house was burglarized.

**capricious** (*adj.*) unpredictable

Her behavior was so capricious that we never knew what to expect.

**callous** (*adj.*) hard and unfeeling

The callous man showed no emotion when he broke up with his girlfriend.

**celerity** (*n.*) speed; haste

She got her homework done with celerity so she could go to the movies.

**cavalier** (*adj.*) indifferent; uncaring; thoughtless

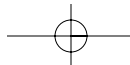
The player's cavalier attitude about missing practice got him kicked off the team.

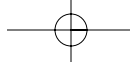
**charlatan** (*n.*) one pretending to have knowledge he doesn't really have; imposter

When the new doctor continued to make incorrect diagnoses, we knew he was probably a charlatan.

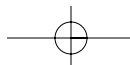
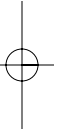
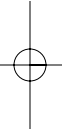
**chagrin** (*n.*) feeling of embarrassment or shame

He suffered chagrin when he realized he'd forgotten his friend's birthday.

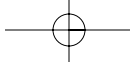




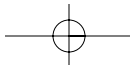
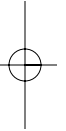
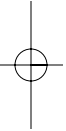
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<b>contingent</b>	<b>contour</b>



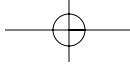
<p><b>chicanery</b> (<i>n.</i>) deception; trickery</p> <p>The teacher suspected chicanery when supplies continued to disappear from the classroom.</p>	<p><b>chastise</b> (<i>v.</i>) punish with harsh criticism</p> <p>His mother chastised him for skipping school to go swimming with his friends.</p>
<p><b>coda</b> (<i>n.</i>) closing musical passage</p> <p>The symphony ended with a dramatic coda.</p>	<p><b>chronic</b> (<i>adj.</i>) occurring regularly over a long period</p> <p>She developed chronic sneezing during the allergy season.</p>
<p><b>conspicuous</b> (<i>adj.</i>) easily seen or noticed</p> <p>Wearing a Halloween costume on Valentine's Day would make you conspicuous.</p>	<p><b>condone</b> (<i>v.</i>) give implied approval to; overlook (something illegal)</p> <p>We must never condone the taking of hostages, no matter what the reason.</p>
<p><b>contour</b> (<i>v.</i>) mold or shape to fit a specific form</p> <p>Automobile seats are contoured for passenger comfort.</p>	<p><b>contingent</b> (<i>adj.</i>) dependent; subject to</p> <p>His afternoon of golf was contingent on completing the company project by noon.</p>



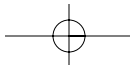
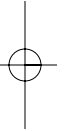
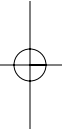
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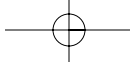
<p><b>counterfeit</b> (<i>adj.</i>) not genuine; forged</p> <p>She was arrested for trying to use counterfeit bills at the supermarket.</p>	<p><b>contrition</b> (<i>n.</i>) sincere remorse</p> <p>She felt contrition over hurting her friend's feelings, and swore she'd never do it again.</p>
<p><b>cower</b> (<i>v.</i>) crouch in fear</p> <p>The dog would cower in the corner whenever her owner scolded her.</p>	<p><b>covert</b> (<i>adj.</i>) secret; undercover</p> <p>The spy was assigned to a covert operation.</p>
<p><b>cyclical</b> (<i>adj.</i>) occurring at regular intervals</p> <p>The phases of the moon follow a cyclical pattern.</p>	<p><b>creditable</b> (<i>adj.</i>) deserving esteem; praiseworthy</p> <p>The rookie's creditable performance his first week won him a spot in the starting lineup.</p>
<p><b>dearth</b> (<i>n.</i>) inadequate supply; lack</p> <p>The dearth of natural resources in some countries severely slows industrial development.</p>	<p><b>cynical</b> (<i>adj.</i>) distrustful of the motives of others</p> <p>Some voters were cynical of the shady politician's reasons for holding the fundraising dinner.</p>



<b>debacle</b>	<b>debris</b>
<b>declaim</b>	<b>dejected</b>
<b>delude</b>	<b>demure</b>
<b>depose</b>	<b>derogatory</b>



<p><b>debris</b> (<i>n.</i>) ruins; rubble</p> <p>After the earthquake, they sifted through the debris looking for whatever belongings they could find.</p>	<p><b>debacle</b> (<i>n.</i>) terrible failure or disaster</p> <p>The stock market crash of 1987, when stocks lost almost 25 percent of their value in one day, was truly a debacle for investors.</p>
<p><b>dejected</b> (<i>adj.</i>) unhappy; miserable</p> <p>He never said he was dejected, but we could tell from the way he moped all the time.</p>	<p><b>declaim</b> (<i>v.</i>) make a formal speech</p> <p>In olden days, politicians declaimed on street corners.</p>
<p><b>demure</b> (<i>adj.</i>) shy or quiet</p> <p>The demure girl didn't say much when he tried to strike up a conversation.</p>	<p><b>delude</b> (<i>v.</i>) deceive; trick</p> <p>Shakespeare's villain Iago deluded Othello into thinking he was his friend.</p>
<p><b>derogatory</b> (<i>adj.</i>) insulting</p> <p>When he kept making derogatory remarks about how she hung the curtains, she finally told him to hang them himself.</p>	<p><b>depose</b> (<i>v.</i>) remove from power</p> <p>The unhappy citizens wanted to depose the queen.</p>



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**despondent**

**destitute**

**deter**

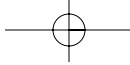
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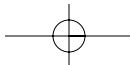
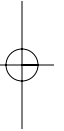
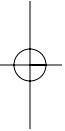
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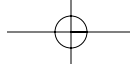
**disparaging**

<p><b>despondent</b> (<i>adj.</i>) feeling hopeless, dejected, or very sad</p> <p>He felt despondent after losing the big game.</p>	<p><b>desecrate</b> (<i>v.</i>) show disrespect for something holy or sacred</p> <p>They desecrated the church when they spray-painted graffiti on its walls.</p>
<p><b>deter</b> (<i>v.</i>) discourage from acting</p> <p>Even without radar, a police car parked at the side of the road can deter speeders.</p>	<p><b>destitute</b> (<i>adj.</i>) lacking food, clothing and shelter</p> <p>Nowadays, many a destitute person can be seen sleeping on city streets.</p>
<p><b>diminish</b> (<i>v.</i>) lessen; reduce</p> <p>Her disappointing SAT scores diminished her chances of getting into the college of her choice.</p>	<p><b>diffident</b> (<i>adj.</i>) shy; timid</p> <p>Because he was so diffident, he couldn't bring himself to ask her to dance.</p>
<p><b>disparaging</b> (<i>adj.</i>) belittling or finding fault with</p> <p>Rather than deal with the issues in the election, she made disparaging remarks about her opponent.</p>	<p><b>dire</b> (<i>adj.</i>) dreadful; terrible</p> <p>When the tornado destroyed their house they were truly in a dire situation.</p>



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**domesticated** (*adj.*) tame

Tigers aren't domesticated, so they don't make good house pets.

**divulge** (*v.*) reveal, as a secret; tell

To avoid going to jail, he agreed to divulge the gang's whereabouts.

**eccentric** (*adj.*) person with a peculiar personality; screwball; nut

The old man's eccentric behavior made him an outcast in his town.

**droll** (*adj.*) oddly comical

The comedian delivered jokes in a droll monotone.

**elicit** (*v.*) draw out

The best teachers know how to elicit answers from students rather than just tell them.

**eclectic** (*adj.*) made up of selections from various sources

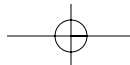
Her CD collection was quite eclectic, as it contained music from hip-hop to Celine Dion.

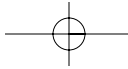
**enfranchise** (*v.*) give the privileges of citizenship, particularly the right to vote

The suffrage movement in America resulted in women becoming enfranchised.

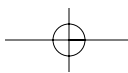
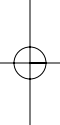
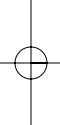
**endemic** (*adj.*) restricted to a particular area

Only found in Antarctica, the Adélie penguin is endemic to that region.





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**enigma** (*n.*) mystery or riddle

It's still an enigma as to how ancient people built the giant statues on Easter Island.

**enhance** (*v.*) intensify; magnify

Tomato and onions enhance the flavor of a hamburger.

**enunciate** (*v.*) pronounce clearly

We had to ask her to repeat herself frequently because she didn't enunciate her words.

**entreat** (*v.*) pray; beg

He entreated the judge for mercy.

**errant** (*adj.*) deviating from the proper course

The outfielder's errant throw went well over the catcher's head.

**epic** (*adj.*) majestic; heroic

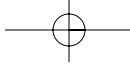
Homer's *Iliad* is an example of an epic poem.

**estimable** (*adj.*) worthy of esteem; excellent

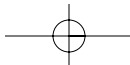
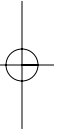
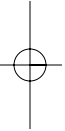
Barry Bonds has been an estimable power hitter in the world of baseball.

**eschew** (*v.*) keep away from; shun

Her doctor told her to eschew fatty foods.



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<b>exacerbate</b>	<b>expedite</b>
<b>expunge</b>	<b>facetious</b>



**euphemism** (*n.*) polite word used instead of an offensive one

“Dang” and “crikey” are euphemisms for swear words that might offend some people.

**ethereal** (*adj.*) heavenly; otherworldly

The mood music for the sci-fi film had an ethereal quality about it.

**evolve** (*v.*) develop gradually

Our decision to go to the mountains last weekend evolved from dad’s remark that we hadn’t been skiing in a while.

**euphoria** (*n.*) great happiness and joy

A feeling of euphoria overcame her when she realized she’d won the lottery.

**expedite** (*v.*) help speed things along

Good teamwork by the students expedited the completion of their project.

**exacerbate** (*v.*) to make worse; aggravate

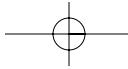
Lying about why she missed the exam only exacerbated the situation.

**facetious** (*adj.*) tongue-in-cheek; joking

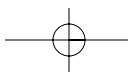
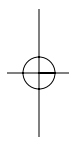
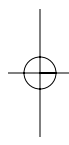
He was always being facetious, so when he finally was serious no one believed him.

**expunge** (*v.*) erase or strike out

The editor expunged the unnecessary paragraph from the story.



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<b>flaunt</b>	<b>flippant</b>
<b>fluency</b>	<b>foible</b>



**fervent** (*adj.*) showing great intensity of spirit; passionate; heated

The cheerleaders were fervent in their show of support for the team.

**famished** (*v.*) very hungry

After not eating all day, he was famished at dinnertime.

**finesse** (*n.*) delicate skill

The negotiator used quite a bit of finesse to convince the two sides to compromise.

**fiasco** (*n.*) failure; dud

Because the lead singer was just getting over laryngitis, the concert was a fiasco.

**flippant** (*adj.*) disrespectful; irreverent

The disruptive student made flippant remarks to the teacher.

**flaunt** (*v.*) display boldly or defiantly

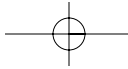
She flaunted her wealth by wearing dazzling, expensive jewelry.

**foible** (*n.*) minor weakness or fault

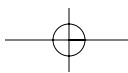
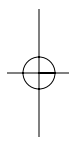
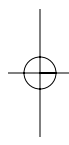
They all thought he was perfect, but I knew he had foibles like all of us.

**fluency** (*n.*) ease of speaking or writing

Though he'd only been in the U.S. for two years, his fluency in English was impressive.



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<b>frequent</b>	<b>frugal</b>
<b>futile</b>	<b>gauche</b>
<b>genre</b>	<b>germane</b>



**fortuitous** (*adj.*) lucky

It was fortuitous that Jim's friend drove by just after Jim's car broke down; otherwise Jim would have had to walk home.

**foray** (*v.*) quick, sudden attack; sudden excursion into enemy territory

The army unit's foray across enemy lines caught their opponents by surprise.

**frugal** (*adj.*) thrifty; economical

They lived such a frugal life that despite their simple jobs they had managed to save over a million dollars by the time they retired.

**frequent** (*v.*) visit often

She frequents antique shops in order to add to her collection.

**gauche** (*adj.*) socially unrefined

It would be considered gauche not to tip the host in a fine restaurant.

**futile** (*adj.*) useless; producing no result

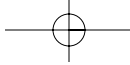
Since he knew nothing about carpentry, his attempts to fix the deck were futile.

**germane** (*adj.*) relevant; pertinent

In a debate, keep your answers germane to the subject; don't bring up unrelated issues.

**genre** (*n.*) category or kind, as in an art form

Rap and jazz are two very different rhythmic musical genres.



**glib**

**goblin**

**grandiloquent**

**grandiose**

**gratuity**

**gullible**

**hamper**

**harbinger**

**goblin** (*n.*) mischievous spirit

It's fun to watch the little ones dress up as ghosts and goblins on Halloween.

**glib** (*adj.*) spoken with confidence, but not much thought

The candidate's glib answers at the press conference cost him a lot of votes.

**grandiose** (*adj.*) artificially showy or important; pompous

The candidate's grandiose speech offered empty solutions for the nation's problems.

**grandiloquent** (*adj.*; *-ly adv.*) speaking in a lofty style, as an orator

The candidates spoke grandiloquently in the debate.

**gullible** (*adj.*) inclined to believe anything; naïve

Young children are gullible and easy to fool.

**gratuity** (*n.*) tip to a waiter

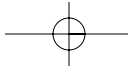
The recommended gratuity when dining out is 15 percent of the bill.

**harbinger** (*n.*) omen; sign

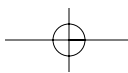
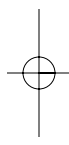
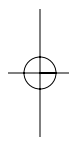
Melting snow and warming temperatures are harbingers of spring.

**hamper** (*v.*) hold back; hinder

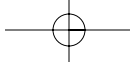
Fierce wind hampered the firefighters' efforts to put out the blaze.



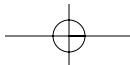
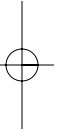
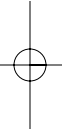
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<p><b>hasten</b> (<i>v.</i>) hurry</p> <p>We had to hasten to the theater to make the show on time.</p>	<p><b>harmony</b> (<i>n.</i>) agreement; musical part that blends with the melody</p> <p>In the duet, Sharon sang melody, while her partner Felicia sang harmony.</p>
<p><b>hector</b> (<i>v.</i>) nag; pester</p> <p>Her mom hectored her constantly about her messy room.</p>	<p><b>haughty</b> (<i>adj.</i>) snobbish; arrogant</p> <p>She gave me a very haughty look when I said I didn't like the color of her Rolls Royce.</p>
<p><b>homage</b> (<i>n.</i>) respect or reverence given, as to a hero</p> <p>The city paid homage to the returning soldiers in the parade.</p>	<p><b>hiatus</b> (<i>n.</i>) gap</p> <p>The workers' strike at the factory led to a hiatus in the work flow.</p>
<p><b>hyperbole</b> (<i>n.</i>) intentional exaggeration</p> <p>"We had to wait an eternity" is an example of hyperbole.</p>	<p><b>hubris</b> (<i>n.</i>) arrogant pride</p> <p>Because of his hubris, he truly expected to be voted the best-looking guy in school.</p>



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<b>immaculate</b>	<b>impede</b>
<b>implicit</b>	<b>impudent</b>
<b>impunity</b>	<b>incensed</b>



**idyllic** (*adj.*) peaceful; charmingly simple

He enjoyed an idyllic life on the small island.

**icon** (*n.*) image, sometimes a sacred one

Many icons of saints and angels were on display in the church.

**impede** (*v.*) prevent the success of; foil

His quick action impeded the robbery long enough for the police to show up.

**immaculate** (*adj.*) spotlessly clean

She liked the hotel because the room was immaculate when she arrived.

**impudent** (*adj.*) disrespectful in a bold way

The impudent child publicly was rude to his father.

**implicit** (*adj.*) hinted at, but not directly expressed

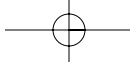
Her dad didn't have to say anything; it was implicit in his expression that he was angry with her for coming home too late.

**incensed** (*vt.*) angry; mad

John's dad became incensed when he learned John had gotten a speeding ticket the first night he drove the family car.

**impunity** (*n.*) complete freedom from punishment

When the rioters realized there was a shortage of police, they looted stores with impunity.



**incongruous**

**infamous**

**infer**

**innate**

**innuendo**

**insidious**

**insipid**

**intimation**

**infamous** (*adj.*) having a negative reputation; famous for something bad

Bonnie and Clyde were two of the most infamous criminals in modern history.

**incongruous** (*adj.*) of unmatching parts; lacking harmony

Putting the rapper and the folk singer together in the same concert seemed incongruous to us.

**innate** (*adj.*) inborn; natural

Musical talent was clearly innate in the Bach family; every one of them was a first-class musician.

**infer** (*v.*) deduce from facts

When the detective found that the car's engine was still warm, he inferred that the suspect had gone out recently.

**insidious** (*adj.*) sneakily dangerous or harmful

Terrorists are insidious enemies; one never knows what they're up to until something happens.

**innuendo** (*n.*) disparaging implication about someone or something

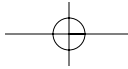
Unable to find any information that might damage his opponent, the politician resorted to insults and innuendos.

**intimation** (*n.*) hint; cue

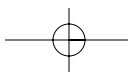
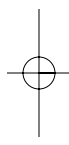
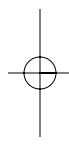
The surprise party was such a well kept secret that she had no intimation of what was about to happen.

**insipid** (*adj.*) bland; dull

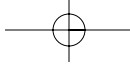
The network aired some new exciting shows to replace ones that viewers felt were insipid.



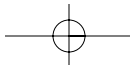
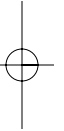
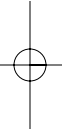
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<p><b>irk</b> (<i>v.</i>) irritate or annoy</p> <p>It irked her to wait in line at the market.</p>	<p><b>irascible</b> (<i>adj.</i>) easily angered</p> <p>You probably wouldn't be so irascible in traffic jams if you made sure to leave enough time to get to your destination.</p>
<p><b>judicious</b> (<i>adj.</i>) reasonable; sane</p> <p>Because she was not emotionally involved in the dispute, she found it easy to make a judicious decision.</p>	<p><b>jettison</b> (<i>v.</i>) throw overboard to improve stability</p> <p>Their boat was in danger of sinking in the storm, so they had to jettison some supplies.</p>
<p><b>kindle</b> (<i>v.</i>) start (a fire); ignite; light up; arouse</p> <p>It took a while to kindle the campfire because the wood was damp.</p>	<p><b>juxtapose</b> (<i>v.</i>) place side by side</p> <p>When she corrected the exams, the teacher juxtaposed each student's paper with the answer sheet.</p>
<p><b>knotty</b> (<i>adj.</i>) difficult; involved</p> <p>How to master Rubik's Cube was a knotty problem that none of us could solve.</p>	<p><b>kismet</b> (<i>n.</i>) destiny; fate</p> <p>My girlfriend thinks we met because of kismet; I think it was just coincidence.</p>



<b>labyrinth</b>	<b>laceration</b>
<b>lampoon</b>	<b>legacy</b>
<b>lethal</b>	<b>levity</b>
<b>liberal</b>	<b>litigate</b>



**laceration** (*n.*) rough, jagged tear

The sharp edge of the paper caused a laceration to her finger.

**labyrinth** (*n.*) intricate maze

The labyrinth of streets in the town made it hard to find one's way around.

**legacy** (*n.*) something passed down to following generations

The New York Yankees' legacy of World Series victories may never be surpassed.

**lampoon** (*v.*) satirize; parody; poke fun at

*Saturday Night Live* regularly lampoons political personalities.

**levity** (*n.*) inappropriate light humor

Levity at a funeral might not be appreciated by the deceased's family.

**lethal** (*adj.*) fatal; deadly

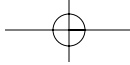
A gun is a lethal weapon.

**litigate** (*v.*) sue in court

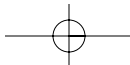
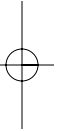
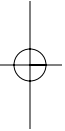
When friendly conversations with his partner didn't lead to settling their financial disagreement, he had to litigate.

**liberal** (*n.*) favoring political reform

The liberal believed no one should be discriminated against because of race or sexual orientation.



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<b>majestic</b>	<b>mandate</b>
<b>menial</b>	<b>mercenary</b>
<b>mesh</b>	<b>minuscule</b>



**lurid** (*adj.*) gruesome; horrible

The *Scream* film series contained many lurid scenes.

**lubricate** (*v.*) put oil on

Heather lubricated the door to stop it from squeaking.

**mandate** (*n.*) authority granted a leader by an overwhelming vote

Many felt that the president's small margin of victory did not give him a mandate to raise taxes.

**majestic** (*adj.*) of lofty dignity or imposing aspect

The mountains were a majestic sight when viewed from the nearby desert.

**mercenary** (*adj.*) motivated purely by money

She would not do anything for free; her motives were entirely mercenary.

**menial** (*adj.*) lowly and degrading

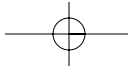
Most would consider picking up garbage at the side of the road to be menial work.

**minuscule** (*adj.*) tiny

Since it was cold out, he opened the window a minuscule amount to let in some air.

**mesh** (*v.*) cause to coordinate or interlock

They tried to mesh their vacation plans so they could go away together.



**misanthrope**

**mollify**

**monopolize**

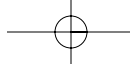
**muted**

**myopic**

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**nefarious**

**nomad**



**mollify** (*v.*) sooth or relieve

When she suffered scrapes in a fall, her mom's tender loving care helped to mollify her discomfort.

**misanthrope** (*n.*) one who hates people

The misanthrope built himself a cabin deep in the woods, miles from the nearest person.

**muted** (*adj.*) softened; reduced in volume

Even though their conversation was muted, the librarian asked them to stop talking.

**monopolize** (*v.*) take more than your fair share; hog

Whenever she was at a party with Jim, she always monopolized his attention.

**nebulous** (*adj.*) vague, indistinct

He had only a nebulous memory of the events just before the accident.

**myopic** (*adj.*) not thinking about the future; short-sighted

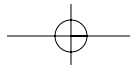
Many feel that ignoring global warming is myopic.

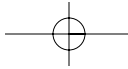
**nomad** (*n.*) wanderer

In ancient times many nomads traveled from place to place in search of food.

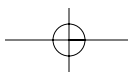
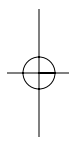
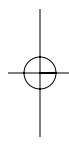
**nefarious** (*adj.*) extremely wicked or villainous

The FBI tried to thwart his nefarious plan to blow up the building.





<b>nostalgia</b>	<b>nuance</b>
<b>nucleus</b>	<b>nullify</b>
<b>obdurate</b>	<b>oblique</b>
<b>onerous</b>	<b>opaque</b>



**nuance** (*n.*) subtle difference in meaning

Vocabulary words can be difficult to master when there are so many nuances in meaning.

**nostalgia** (*n.*) longing or sentimental feelings for the past

Listening to the old records evoked a feeling of nostalgia in him.

**nullify** (*v.*) make void; cancel

His home run was nullified when they found out he used an illegal bat.

**nucleus** (*n.*) central part around which other parts are gathered; core

A small group of friends formed the nucleus of the club.

**oblique** (*adj.*) indirect; not straight

Because some roads were closed by the storm, we had to take an oblique route to get to our destination.

**obdurate** (*adj.*) stubborn; unyielding

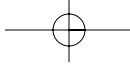
We tried to convince him not to buy the unreliable used car, but he was too obdurate to listen.

**opaque** (*adj.*) impenetrable by light

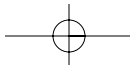
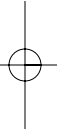
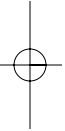
We couldn't see through the window because it was made of opaque glass.

**onerous** (*adj.*) burdensome; laborious

Building a stone wall on our property proved to be an onerous task.



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<b>ostracize</b>	<b>overt</b>
<b>panacea</b>	<b>pang</b>
<b>parch</b>	<b>parody</b>



**ornamental** (*adj.*) decorative

We hang ornamental lights on our Christmas tree each year.

**opulence** (*n.*) wealth and luxury

People with yachts and mansions live in great opulence.

**overt** (*adj.*) open to view; not secret

Instead of holding it in, she showed overt anger by yelling and screaming.

**ostracize** (*v.*) exclude; banish

When he continued to break the rules at the private club, he was finally ostracized from it.

**pang** (*n.*) continuous pain; ache

Because he hadn't eaten since breakfast, he had hunger pangs all afternoon.

**panacea** (*n.*) universal remedy

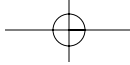
Scientists have yet to find a panacea for all ills.

**parody** (*n.*) humorous or satirical imitation of a serious work

The *Naked Gun* films are a parody of police movies.

**parch** (*vt.*) make extremely dry or thirsty

Playing ball in the hot summer sun really made him parched.



**passé**

**pastime**

**paternal**

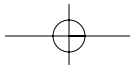
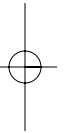
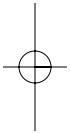
**patronize**

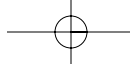
**peal**

**pecuniary**

**peregrinate**

**peruse**





**pastime** (*n.*) pleasant means of amusement or recreation

Baseball is our country's national pastime.

**passé** (*adj.*) no longer fashionable; out-of-date

One year's hottest fashions are often passé by the next year.

**patronize** (*v.*) talk down to; treat as an inferior

My boss never treated the workers as equals; he seemed to enjoy patronizing them instead.

**paternal** (*adj.*) fatherlike

After my father passed away, my uncle took a paternal interest in me.

**pecuniary** (*adj.*) related to money

They couldn't afford to take a trip this year because they were having pecuniary trouble.

**peal** (*v.*) ring loudly

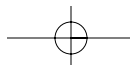
The chapel bells pealed to mark the start of the service.

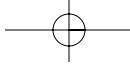
**peruse** (*v.*) read thoroughly

The editor perused the article to check for errors.

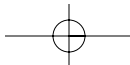
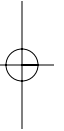
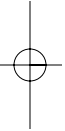
**peregrinate** (*vt.*) journey on foot

Early settlers often had to peregrinate for many miles to find food.





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<b>piquant</b>	<b>placid</b>
<b>plagiarism</b>	<b>plausible</b>
<b>pliant</b>	<b>poignant</b>



**pinnacle** (*n.*) peak; top

To assure himself as much money as possible, the professional athlete planned to sign a long-term contract at the pinnacle of his career.

**petulant** (*adj.*) moody and irritable

She was so spoiled that she became petulant over the most unimportant things.

**placid** (*adj.*) peaceful; calm

The remote lakeside was especially placid on that warm summer day.

**piquant** (*adj.*) sharp to the taste

The salsa was so piquant she thought her tongue would catch fire.

**plausible** (*adj.*) believable; credible

The jury convicted him because his attorney didn't present a plausible case for his innocence.

**plagiarism** (*n.*) copying or virtually copying someone else's work

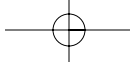
The writer of a book about a child wizard named Larry Trotter would almost certainly be guilty of plagiarism.

**poignant** (*adj.*) strongly affecting one's emotions

When the lovers parted at the end of the film, it was a poignant moment for the entire audience.

**pliant** (*adj.*) easy to bend; flexible

Modelers like to work with clay because it's a pliant material.



**precipitation**

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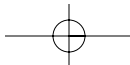
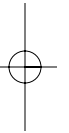
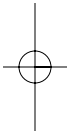
**prosaic**

**protuberance**

**prudent**

**pungent**

**quantum**



**profane** (*adj.*) irreligious; vulgar

When the reporter asked some tough questions, the politician's response included some profane words the newspaper couldn't print.

**precipitation** (*n.*) wet weather; rain, snow, sleet, etc.

There was a great deal of flooding last spring due to unusual amounts of precipitation.

**prosaic** (*adj.*) dull; ordinary

So many plots for movies nowadays are prosaic; can't they think of anything new?

**proficiency** (*n.*) skill; expertness

The marchers' proficiency improved steadily due to their daily drills.

**prudent** (*adj.*) wise in practical matters; sensible

It is prudent not to walk in certain neighborhoods after dark.

**protuberance** (*n.*) part that sticks out; bulge; bump

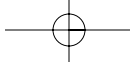
The tree trunk had a protuberance where a branch had been mostly cut off.

**quantum** (*adj.*) sudden and significant

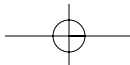
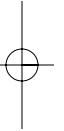
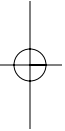
When the company doubled the size of the factory, it achieved a quantum increase in production.

**pungent** (*adj.*) sharply affecting one's sense of taste or smell; hot; peppery

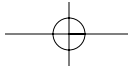
The pungent onions made her cry when she was slicing them.



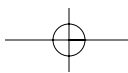
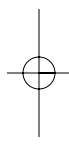
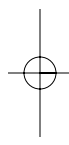
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<b>replete</b>	<b>reprehensible</b>



<p><b>rampant</b> (<i>adj.</i>) spreading out of control</p> <p>Mosquitoes tend to become rampant in swampy areas.</p>	<p><b>quest</b> (<i>n.</i>) search made in order to find something worthwhile</p> <p>Medieval knights often went on quests to find the Holy Grail, a cup that supposedly had magical powers.</p>
<p><b>redolent</b> (<i>adj.</i>) fragrant</p> <p>The bakery was redolent with pleasant aromas.</p>	<p><b>rational</b> (<i>adj.</i>) reasonable; sensible</p> <p>His patience and ability to consider all the angles helped him make rational decisions.</p>
<p><b>repartee</b> (<i>n.</i>) clever verbal exchange; witty remarks</p> <p>The comedian came out on top in his repartee with the heckler.</p>	<p><b>regress</b> (<i>v.</i>) retreat to an earlier stage; progress backwards</p> <p>It's not healthy for an adult to regress to childhood by crying and carrying on when he doesn't get what he wants.</p>
<p><b>reprehensible</b> (<i>adj.</i>) blameworthy</p> <p>Her parents scolded her for her reprehensible behavior.</p>	<p><b>replete</b> (<i>adj.</i>) abundantly provided (with)</p> <p>Her poetry was replete with colorful images.</p>



<b>reprieve</b>	<b>rescind</b>
<b>residue</b>	<b>resolute</b>
<b>rhetoric</b>	<b>rigor</b>
<b>rustic</b>	<b>sacred</b>



**rescind** (*v.*) repeal or abolish

Prohibition—the ban on alcoholic beverages—proved to be unworkable, and was rescinded in the 1930s.

**reprieve** (*n.*) delay in impending punishment

The prisoner got a reprieve when new evidence was presented in his case.

**resolute** (*adj.*) steadfast in opinion; firm

She was resolute in her decision to go to college, even if it meant borrowing money to pay tuition.

**residue** (*n.*) something that remains; remnant

John cleaned his shoes after the hike, but there was still a residue of mud on them.

**rigor** (*n.*) hardship; severity of living conditions

We are so used to modern comforts that it's hard to imagine what the rigors of pioneer life must have been like.

**rhetoric** (*n.*) overblown speech; undue use of exaggeration

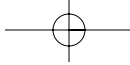
Politicians are known for their rhetoric.

**sacred** (*adj.*) dedicated to some religious purpose; holy

To Muslims, Mecca is a sacred place.

**rustic** (*adj.*) of rural life or simplicity

Many old New England towns have a rustic look about them.



**sanguine**

**sardonic**

**savant**

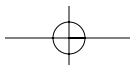
**schism**

**sequester**

**shirk**

**shoddy**

**solemn**



**sardonic** (*adj.*) bitterly mocking or sarcastic

He couldn't keep friends for very long because he was so prone to making sardonic comments to them.

**sanguine** (*adj.*) cheerfully optimistic

Because she was a straight-A student, she had sanguine expectations about being accepted by a good college.

**schism** (*n.*) separation in a group, especially due to a disagreement

A schism has formed in some religious organizations over gay rights.

**savant** (*n.*) person of profound learning; scholar

Only a savant can truly understand the complexities of nuclear physics.

**shirk** (*v.*) avoid a responsibility

If you shirk your homework, you won't get good grades.

**sequester** (*v.*) withdraw into retirement; seclude

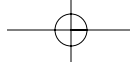
Sometimes juries are sequestered to keep them from having any contact with outsiders.

**solemn** (*adj.*) serious and dignified

The Easter service in honor of Christ was a solemn event.

**shoddy** (*adj.*) of poor quality of workmanship

Because the carpenter was rushed, he did a shoddy job on the bookcases he built.



**specious**

**spurious**

**squander**

**stalwart**

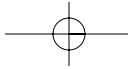
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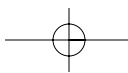
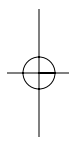
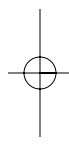
**sublime**

**succor**

<p><b>spurious</b> (<i>adj.</i>) not genuine or authentic; counterfeit</p> <p>Reports of UFOs over the town turned out to be spurious.</p>	<p><b>specious</b> (<i>adj.</i>) false, though appearing to be true</p> <p>The lawyer's specious argument had the jury fooled until all the evidence was revealed.</p>
<p><b>stalwart</b> (<i>adj.</i>) strong, firm, uncompromising</p> <p>She has always been a stalwart supporter of equal rights.</p>	<p><b>squander</b> (<i>v.</i>) waste</p> <p>They were so excited about being on vacation that they squandered all their money the first day.</p>
<p><b>stipulate</b> (<i>v.</i>) specify formally, especially in a contract</p> <p>It is necessary to stipulate the interest rate in a loan contract.</p>	<p><b>stark</b> (<i>adj.</i>) desolate; grim; harsh</p> <p>The icy mountain was a stark landscape for the climber.</p>
<p><b>succor</b> (<i>n.</i>) help; aid</p> <p>The community required succor from the government after the tornado hit.</p>	<p><b>sublime</b> (<i>adj.</i>) magnificent; superb</p> <p>The mountain scenery in the Rockies is sublime.</p>



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<b>surreal</b>	<b>taciturn</b>
<b>talisman</b>	<b>tangent</b>
<b>tawdry</b>	<b>tax</b>



**sultry** (*adj.*) oppressively hot

We endured a string of sultry days during the heat wave.

**sufficient** (*adj.*) adequate for the

With only \$5 in her pocket, she barely had sufficient money to buy lunch.

**taciturn** (*adj.*) quiet; not inclined to talk

He was quite taciturn at parties, making it difficult to have a conversation with him.

**surreal** (*adj.*) having a dreamlike quality

Many horror movie scenes have an eerie, surreal quality about them.

**tangent** (*n.*) digression; straying from the point

It was hard to follow the lecture because the professor kept going off on a tangent.

**talisman** (*n.*) amulet supposedly possessing occult powers

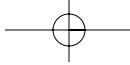
The wizard resorted to his talisman when casting spells.

**tax** (*v.*) make serious demands on; put a burden on

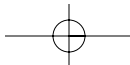
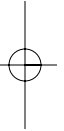
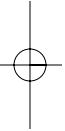
Her constant complaining began to tax his patience.

**tawdry** (*adj.*) cheap, gaudy, and showy

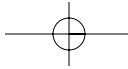
She had terrible taste in furniture; she always chose such tawdry patterns.



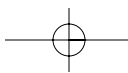
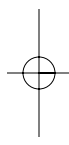
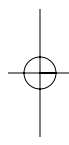
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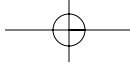
<p><b>terrain</b> (<i>n.</i>) tract of land</p> <p>The hilly terrain made walking tiresome.</p>	<p><b>tender</b> (<i>adj.</i>) sensitive to others' feelings; compassionate</p> <p>Nurses are known for their tender treatment of hospital patients.</p>
<p><b>tirade</b> (<i>n.</i>) long, angry speech</p> <p>Instead of discussing his own ideas, the politician launched into a tirade about his opponent's.</p>	<p><b>therapy</b> (<i>n.</i>) medical rehabilitation process</p> <p>To get rid of his lisp, the school counselor suggested speech therapy.</p>
<p><b>torpid</b> (<i>adj.</i>) inactive or sluggish</p> <p>He always felt torpid during the hot summer months.</p>	<p><b>tonorial</b> (<i>adj.</i>) pertaining to barbers or barbering</p> <p>In many small towns, the tonsorial shop is still a place where men socialize while waiting for their haircuts.</p>
<p><b>trauma</b> (<i>n.</i>) shock from a serious injury</p> <p>He was brought to the emergency room suffering severe trauma from the auto accident.</p>	<p><b>transgression</b> (<i>n.</i>) sin</p> <p>She confessed her transgressions every week at church.</p>



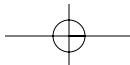
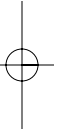
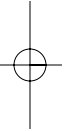
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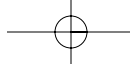


<p><b>trenchant</b> (<i>adj.</i>) incisive; sharp; biting</p> <p>Author Oscar Wilde was known for his trenchant wit.</p>	<p><b>treason</b> (<i>n.</i>) acting to overthrow one's government or ruler, or helping your country's enemy</p> <p>In the '50s, the Rosenbergs were found guilty of treason for selling atom bomb secrets to the Russians.</p>
<p><b>trite</b> (<i>adj.</i>) stale; lacking freshness or originality</p> <p>He always started his speeches by telling trite old jokes.</p>	<p><b>trepidation</b> (<i>n.</i>) trembling fear</p> <p>Alone in the house, he felt trepidation when the wind made the roof creak.</p>
<p><b>uncanny</b> (<i>adj.</i>) weird and mysterious</p> <p>The psychic's ability to make accurate predictions was uncanny.</p>	<p><b>ultimatum</b> (<i>n.</i>) final warning</p> <p>The coach gave him an ultimatum: if he missed any more practices, he'd be off the team.</p>
<p><b>vagrant</b> (<i>n.</i>) person who wanders about with no employment or home; hobo</p> <p>The city tried to provide shelters for vagrants so they wouldn't have to sleep on the streets.</p>	<p><b>upbraid</b> (<i>v.</i>) scold</p> <p>Her parents severely upbraided her for coming home at 2 A.M.</p>



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<b>veracity</b>	<b>verbatim</b>
<b>verbose</b>	<b>viable</b>
<b>vicarious</b>	<b>vigilant</b>





**venerated** (*adj.*) revered; esteemed

The pope has always been a venerated religious leader.

**valiant** (*adj.*) brave; courageous

Despite being vastly outnumbered, Davy Crockett and the other soldiers fought a valiant battle at the Alamo.

**verbatim** (*adv.*) word for word

He amazed the class by learning the Gettysburg Address verbatim in one night.

**veracity** (*n.*) truthfulness

Since the witness was a friend of the accused, the lawyer doubted the veracity of his testimony.

**viable** (*adj.*) workable; doable

It took a while before the engineers could come up with a viable solution to the problem.

**verbose** (*adj.*) wordy

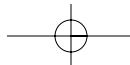
Because his book report was twice as long as everyone else's, his teacher gave him a C for being verbose.

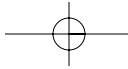
**vigilant** (*adj.*) ever awake and alert

Night watchmen must learn to be vigilant no matter how tired they feel.

**vicarious** (*adj.*) felt through the imagined participation in someone else's experience

Many sports fans get vicarious satisfaction from watching their heroes perform.





**vindictive**

**viscous**

**vista**

**vociferous**

**vogue**

**voluminous**

**voracious**

**wanton**

**viscous** (*adj.*) sticky; thick

Motor oil is a viscous fluid.

**vindictive** (*adj.*) inclined to seek revenge

It is usually better to understand and forgive someone who hurts you rather than be vindictive.

**vociferous** (*adj.*) loud; noisy

A hush fell over the room when we heard his vociferous cry.

**vista** (*n.*) long, narrow view

The photographer captured perfectly the vista between the rows of trees.

**voluminous** (*adj.*) very large; big

Because there are so many new players every year, *The Baseball Encyclopedia* has become quite a voluminous book.

**vogue** (*n.*) temporary craze; fad

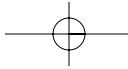
Miniskirts were the vogue in the sixties.

**wanton** (*adj.*) wild and reckless

The angry mob was responsible for wanton destruction of store windows.

**voracious** (*adj.*) extremely hungry; almost impossible to satisfy

Our dog has such a voracious appetite all the time that you'd think we never feed him.



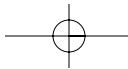
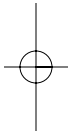
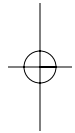
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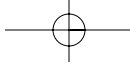
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**wistful**

**wizened**

**zenith**





<p><b>windfall</b> (<i>n.</i>) unexpected gain or good fortune</p> <p>When oil prices went up sharply due to a shortage, oil companies experienced a windfall.</p>	<p><b>whimsical</b> (<i>adj.</i>) given to playful humor</p> <p>Though her political cartoons were focused on the issues, they were often whimsical as well.</p>
<p><b>wizened</b> (<i>adj.</i>) withered; shriveled</p> <p>The Wicked Witch of the West was a wizened old woman.</p>	<p><b>wistful</b> (<i>adj.</i>) full of sad longing</p> <p>Even years later, she still became wistful when she thought about her short-lived romance with Jim.</p>
	<p><b>zenith</b> (<i>n.</i>) highest point</p> <p>At its zenith, the company made more computers than anyone else.</p>

