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1. **abase** (v.) lower; humiliate
2. **absolve** (v.) pardon an offense
3. **acrimonious** (adj.) stinging; caustic
4. **acuity** (n.) keenness of perception
5. **adduce** (v.) present as evidence
6. **adherent** (n.) follower of a leader, party, or profession
7. **agape** (adj.) openmouthed
8. **aghast** (adj.) horrified
9. **alacrity** (n.) cheerful promptness
10. **amble** (v.) move at an easy pace
11. **anarchy** (n.) absence of government; disorder
12. **anathema** (n.) solemn curse
13. **animus** (n.) hostile feeling or intent
14. **annul** (v.) make void
15. **anonymous** (adj.) having no name
16. **antecedent** (n.) prior or preceding event, condition, etc.
17. **ape** (v.) imitate, mimic
18. **apprehend** (v.) arrest (a criminal); dread; perceive
19. **apropos** (prep.) with reference to; regarding
20. **ardor** (n.) heat; passion; zeal
21. **arroyo** (n.) gully
22. **assay** (v.) analyze; evaluate
23. **assiduous** (adj.) diligent
24. **astral** (adj.) relating to the stars
25. **audit** (v.) examination of accounts
26. **austerity** (n.) sternness; severity; lack of luxuries
27. **averse** (adj.) reluctant
28. **avid** (adj.) characterized by enthusiasm and vigorous pursuit
29. **badger** (v.) pester; annoy
30. **bane** (n.) cause of ruin
31. **bastion** (n.) fortress; defense
32. **beguile** (v.) amuse; delude; cheat
33. **behemoth** (n.) something of tremendous size or power
34. **belligerent** (adj.) quarrelsome; eager to fight
35. **berth** (n.) accommodation, esp. for sleeping; job
36. **beset** (v.) harass; trouble
37. **bifurcated** (adj.) divided into two branches; forked
38. **blasphemous** (adj.) profane; impious
39. **boisterous** (adj.) violent; rough; noisy
40. **bravado** (n.) swagger; assumed air of defiance
41. **brazier** (n.) open pan in which live coals are burned
42. **broach** (v.) open up a subject for discussion; pierce
43. **cacophony** (n.) discord; harsh, jarring sound
44. **calumniate** (v.) slander
45. **camaraderie** (n.) good-fellowship
46. **cantankerous** (adj.) ill humored; irritable
47. **carafe** (n.) glass water bottle; decanter
48. **carnivorous** (adj.) meat-eating
49. **castigate** (v.) punish
50. **cavil** (v.) make frivolous objections
51. **ceremonious** (adj.) marked by formality
52. **chasm** (n.) abyss
53. **chastise** (v.) censure severely
54. **churlish** (adj.) boorish; rude
55. **circumstances** (n.) situation; state of affairs
56. **clangor** (n.) loud, resounding noise
57. **coalesce** (v.) combine; fuse
58. **coincident** (adj.) occurring at the same time
59. **colorfully** (adv.) brightly, brilliantly
60. **comestible** (n.) something fit to be eaten



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61. **compensatory** (*adj.*) making up for; repaying
62. **compute** (*v.*) reckon; calculate
63. **concur** (*v.*) agree
64. **congeal** (*v.*) freeze; coagulate
65. **consecrate** (*v.*) dedicate; sanctify
66. **contend** (*v.*) struggle; compete; assert earnestly
67. **conviction** (*n.*) act or process of finding a person guilty, esp. of a crime; strong persuasion or belief
68. **couple** (*v.*) join; unite
69. **covenant** (*n.*) agreement
70. **credulity** (*n.*) readiness or willingness to believe on slight evidence
71. **crestfallen** (*adj.*) dejected; dispirited
72. **cynosure** (*n.*) center of attention
73. **dearth** (*n.*) scarcity
74. **decipher** (*v.*) decode
75. **defile** (*v.*) pollute; profane
76. **deify** (*v.*) idolize
77. **demean** (*v.*) degrade; humiliate
78. **democracy** (*n.*) government by the people; rule of the majority
79. **deplete** (*v.*) reduce; exhaust
80. **deride** (*v.*) scoff at
81. **despicable** (*adj.*) contemptible
82. **destitution** (*n.*) poverty
83. **determination** (*n.*) decision; firm or fixed intention to achieve a desired end
84. **devious** (*adj.*) going astray; erratic
85. **digression** (*n.*) wandering away from the subject
86. **disclose** (*v.*) reveal
87. **discomfit** (*v.*) defeat; disconcert; thwart
88. **dismantle** (*v.*) take apart
89. **dissension** (*n.*) disagreement
90. **dissipate** (*v.*) squander; break up and drive off
91. **divest** (*v.*) deprive; rid; remove ornamentation or equipment from
92. **docile** (*adj.*) obedient; gentle, soft
93. **dotage** (*n.*) senility
94. **dubious** (*adj.*) doubtful; questionable or suspect in quality
95. **duress** (*n.*) forcible restraint, esp. unlawfully; compulsion by threat
96. **effectual** (*adj.*) efficient
97. **elated** (*adj.*) overjoyed; in high spirits
98. **elder** (*n.*) of earlier birth or greater age
99. **embroil** (*v.*) throw into confusion; involve in strife; entangle
100. **encumber** (*v.*) burden
101. **endeavor** (*n.*) serious determined effort
102. **ensconce** (*v.*) settle comfortably
103. **epigram** (*n.*) witty thought or saying, usu. short
104. **equity** (*n.*) fairness; justice
105. **espouse** (*v.*) adopt; support
106. **estimation** (*n.*) judgment, opinion
107. **exacerbate** (*v.*) worsen; to make more violent, bitter, or severe
108. **exodus** (*n.*) departure
109. **expostulate** (*v.*) protest, object, take exception
110. **expound** (*v.*) set forth; explain
111. **extirpate** (*v.*) destroy completely; pull up by the root; cut out by surgery
112. **fabricate** (*v.*) build; lie
113. **fanciful** (*adj.*) whimsical; visionary
114. **federate** (*v.*) unite in an alliance
115. **ferocious** (*adj.*) extremely intense
116. **fetid** (*adj.*) bad smelling
117. **figment** (*n.*) something made up or contrived
118. **flair** (*n.*) talent; style
119. **flora** (*n.*) plants of a region or era
120. **flourish** (*v.*) prosper; decorate with ornaments

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121. **foreboding** (*n.*) premonition of evil
 122. **frenetic** (*adj.*) frenzied; frantic
 123. **fumigate** (*v.*) subject to smoke or fumes, esp. for disinfection or eradication
 124. **furtive** (*adj.*) done in quiet; surreptitious; sly; stolen
 125. **galleon** (*n.*) large sailing ship
 126. **gaunt** (*adj.*) lean and angular; barren
 127. **gist** (*n.*) main idea
 128. **glutinous** (*adj.*) sticky; viscous
 129. **gouge** (*v.*) tear out
 130. **grandeur** (*n.*) magnificence
 131. **gratification** (*n.*) act or state of being pleased
 132. **grovel** (*v.*) crawl or creep on ground; remain prostrate
 133. **grudge** (*v.*) unwilling to give or admit; give or admit reluctantly or resentfully
 134. **hallowed** (*adj.*) blessed, consecrated
 135. **heed** (*v.*) pay attention to; consider
 136. **hegira** (*n.*) journey, esp. when undertaken to escape a dangerous situation
 137. **hoard** (*v.*) collect and often hide away a supply of
 138. **homage** (*n.*) expression of high regard
 139. **hummock** (*n.*) small hill
 140. **idiom** (*n.*) special usage in language
 141. **illustration** (*n.*) picture, diagram, or example that helps make s.t. clear
 142. **impervious** (*adj.*) not allowing entrance or passage; not capable of being damaged or harmed
 143. **impolitic** (*adj.*) not wise
 144. **impotent** (*adj.*) weak; ineffective
 145. **inculcate** (*v.*) teach
 146. **indefatigable** (*adj.*) untiring; relentless
 147. **indulgent** (*adj.*) humoring; yielding; lenient
 148. **inflated** (*adj.*) exaggerated; pompous; enlarged with air or gas
 149. **ingenious** (*adj.*) clever
 150. **insidious** (*adj.*) treacherous; stealthy; sly
 151. **instinctive** (*adj.*) coming naturally or automatically without deliberate thought
 152. **intrepid** (*adj.*) fearless
 153. **inured** (*adj.*) accustomed; hardened
 154. **irrelevant** (*adj.*) not applicable; unrelated
 155. **iterate** (*v.*) utter a second time; repeat
 156. **jeer** (*v.*) speak or cry out with derision; taunt
 157. **jejune** (*adj.*) lacking interest; barren; meager
 158. **jocund** (*adj.*) merry
 159. **kismet** (*n.*) fate
 160. **kleptocracy** (*n.*) government by those who seek chiefly status and personal gain at the expense of the governed
 161. **lackluster** (*adj.*) dull
 162. **larceny** (*n.*) theft
 163. **lax** (*adj.*) careless
 164. **legislator** (*n.*) lawmaker
 165. **lexicon** (*n.*) dictionary
 166. **listless** (*adj.*) lacking in spirit or energy
 167. **lustrous** (*adj.*) shining
 168. **malodorous** (*adj.*) foul-smelling
 169. **maverick** (*n.*) rebel; nonconformist
 170. **meek** (*adj.*) deficient in spirit or courage; submissive
 171. **mendacious** (*adj.*) lying; false
 172. **meritocracy** (*n.*) a system in which people are chosen and moved into positions of success and power on the basis of their demonstrated abilities
 173. **mesmerize** (*v.*) hypnotize
 174. **mettle** (*n.*) courage; spirit



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176. **misdemeanor** (*n.*) minor crime
177. **mogul** (*n.*) powerful person
178. **mollify** (*v.*) soothe
179. **monarchy** (*n.*) absolute sovereignty by a single person
180. **mortify** (*v.*) humiliate
181. **muster** (*v.*) gather; assemble
182. **naïve** (*adj.*) lacking worldly wisdom or informed judgment; simple, unsophisticated
183. **nascent** (*adj.*) incipient; coming into being
184. **nefarious** (*adj.*) very wicked
185. **noncommittal** (*adj.*) neutral; unpledged; undecided
186. **obfuscate** (*v.*) confuse; muddle
187. **obligate** (*v.*) hold to the fulfillment of duty
188. **obloquy** (*n.*) slander; disgrace; infamy
189. **obstreperous** (*adj.*) boisterous; noisy
190. **officious** (*adj.*) volunteering one's services where they are neither asked nor needed
191. **oligarchy** (*n.*) government in which a small group exercises control, esp. for corrupt or selfish purposes
192. **omniscient** (*adj.*) all-knowing
193. **oracular** (*adj.*) foretelling; mysterious
194. **ostensible** (*adj.*) apparent; professed; pretended
195. **palatable** (*adj.*) agreeable; pleasing to the taste
196. **panegyric** (*n.*) eulogistic oration or writing
197. **parable** (*n.*) short, simple story teaching a moral
198. **pariah** (*n.*) social outcast
199. **pastoral** (*adj.*) rural

200. **pedantic** (*adj.*) showing off learning; bookish
201. **peevish** (*adj.*) easily irritated or annoyed
202. **penitent** (*adj.*) repentant
203. **peregrinate** (*v.*) travel, esp. on foot
204. **permeate** (*v.*) pass through; spread
205. **perpetrate** (*v.*) commit an offense
206. **pervade** (*v.*) spread throughout
207. **petrify** (*v.*) turn to stone
208. **placate** (*v.*) pacify; conciliate
209. **plenitude** (*n.*) abundance; completeness
210. **plutocracy** (*n.*) government by the wealthy
211. **portentous** (*adj.*) ominous; serious
212. **potential** (*adj.*) expressing possibility; latent
213. **preamble** (*n.*) introductory statement



214. **prerogative** (*n.*) privilege; unquestionable right
215. **prevaricator** (*n.*) liar
216. **privy** (*adj.*) secret; hidden; not public
217. **proboscis** (*n.*) long snout; nose
218. **procrastinate** (*v.*) put off for later
219. **progeny** (*n.*) children
220. **propinquity** (*n.*) nearness in position or kinship
221. **protégé** (*n.*) one who is protected or trained or whose career is furthered by a person of experience, prominence, or influence

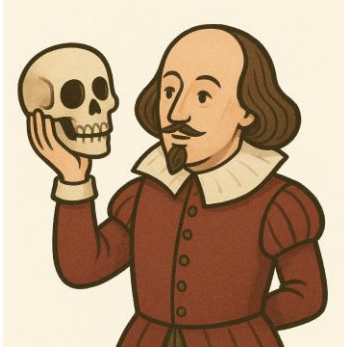
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 223. **province** (*n.*) area, realm; district or division of a country
 224. **proximity** (*n.*) nearness
 225. **puerile** (*adj.*) childish
 226. **pulsate** (*v.*) throb; move in a rhythmic manner
 227. **quadruped** (*n.*) four-footed animal
 228. **quandary** (*n.*) dilemma
 229. **quiescent** (*adj.*) at rest; dominant
 230. **rakish** (*adj.*) stylish; sporty
 231. **ramify** (*v.*) split into two or more branches
 232. **rancor** (*n.*) bitter, deep ill will; hostility
 233. **raze** (*v.*) destroy completely
 234. **reek** (*v.*) emit an odor
 235. **reimburse** (*v.*) repay
 236. **relegate** (*v.*) banish; consign to inferior position
 237. **renegade** (*n.*) deserter; apostate
 238. **reprisal** (*n.*) retaliation
 239. **repudiate** (*v.*) deny; declare untrue
 240. **rescission** (*n.*) abrogation; annulment
 241. **resign** (*v.*) give oneself over without resistance; give up deliberately
 242. **resolute** (*adj.*) marked by firm determination; resolved; bold and steady
 243. **restitution** (*n.*) reparation; indemnification
 244. **revile** (*v.*) slander; vilify
 245. **roseate** (*adj.*) rosy; optimistic
 246. **salient** (*adj.*) prominent
 247. **sebaceous** (*adj.*) oily; fatty
 248. **senescence** (*n.*) the state of being old
 249. **sequester** (*v.*) retire from public life; segregate; seclude
 250. **serpentine** (*adj.*) winding; twisting
 251. **shrewd** (*adj.*) clever; astute
 252. **sirocco** (*n.*) hot winds from Africa
 253. **skeptic** (*n.*) person who doubts a certain belief
 254. **slander** (*n.*) defamation; utterance of false or malicious statements (also *v.*)
 255. **smattering** (*n.*) small in number or amount
 256. **sodden** (*adj.*) soaked
 257. **soliloquy** (*n.*) talking to oneself
 258. **sophomoric** (*adj.*) immature; shallow
 259. **sporadic** (*adj.*) occurring irregularly
 260. **statute** (*n.*) law enacted by the legislative branch of government
 261. **stilted** (*adj.*) bombastic; inflated
 262. **stingy** (*adj.*) not generous; sparing or scant in giving
 263. **strive** (*v.*) devote serious effort or energy
 264. **subversive** (*adj.*) tending to overthrow or ruin
 265. **supersede** (*v.*) display in favor of another; force out of use as inferior
 266. **supplant** (*v.*) replace; usurp
 267. **swarthy** (*adj.*) dark; dusky
 268. **tantalize** (*v.*) tease; torture with disappointment
 269. **temerity** (*n.*) boldness; rashness
 270. **temper** (*v.*) dilute, soften



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271. **tenuous** (*adj.*) thin; rare; slim
272. **thematic** (*adj.*) related to a central point
273. **theocracy** (*n.*) government by immediate divine guidance or by officials who are regarded as divinely guided
274. **thespian** (*adj.*) pertaining to drama



275. **tirade** (*n.*) extended scolding; denunciation
276. **torpid** (*adj.*) dormant; dull; lethargic
277. **translucent** (*adj.*) partly transparent
278. **travail** (*n.*) painful labor
279. **truculent** (*adj.*) aggressive; savage
280. **turgid** (*adj.*) swollen; distended
281. **tyrant** (*n.*) absolute ruler
282. **umbrage** (*n.*) sense of injury
283. **unanimity** (*n.*) complete agreement
284. **unconscious** (*adj.*) without awareness
285. **undulate** (*v.*) move with a wavelike motion
286. **unscathed** (*adj.*) unharmed
287. **vagary** (*n.*) caprice; whim
288. **vegetate** (*v.*) live in a monotonous way
289. **vendible** (*adj.*) marketable
290. **venerate** (*v.*) revere
291. **verdant** (*adj.*) green; fresh
292. **vindictive** (*adj.*) revengeful
293. **vivify** (*v.*) endue with life
294. **volatile** (*adj.*) characterized by rapid or expected change; explosive; lighthearted
295. **wince** (*v.*) shrink back; flinch
296. **winnow** (*v.*) sift; separate good parts from bad
297. **worthwhile** (*adj.*) being worth the time or effort spent; worthy
298. **wreak** (*v.*) inflict; bring about or cause
299. **wretched** (*adj.*) deplorably bad or distressing; very poor in quality; inferior
300. **zephyr** (*n.*) gentle breeze