

Words are listed with a sample part of speech and definition or possible synonym.
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1. **abduct** (*v.*) kidnap, take by force
2. **abhor** (*v.*) hate, detest
3. **accentuate** (*v.*) stress, highlight
4. **accolade** (*n.*) high praise
5. **adroit** (*adj.*) skillful, dexterous
6. **affront** (*n.*) an insult
7. **ally** (*v.*) unite or form a connection or relation between
8. **ambivalent** (*adj.*) having opposing feelings
9. **anachronistic** (*adj.*) being out of correct chronological order
10. **ante-** (*prefix*) before, preceding
11. **anthology** (*n.*) collection of writings, songs, etc.
12. **anti-** (*prefix*) opposing, against
13. **antithesis** (*n.*) the absolute opposite
14. **apprenticeship** (*n.*) arrangement where someone learns an art or trade through practical experience
15. **arable** (*adj.*) suitable for growing crops
16. **banal** (*adj.*) dull, commonplace
17. **barbarity** (*n.*) cruelty; inhumanity
18. **bereft** (*adj.*) devoid of
19. **boisterous** (*adj.*) loud and full of energy
20. **bourgeois** (*n.*) a middle-class person, capitalist
21. **breakneck** (*adj.*) very fast or dangerous
22. **brittle** (*adj.*) easily broken, cracked, or snapped
23. **cajole** (*v.*) urge, coax
24. **calamity** (*n.*) an event with disastrous consequences
25. **capricious** (*adj.*) subject to whim, fickle
26. **caricature** (*v.*) make or draw an exaggerated distortion
27. **carouse** (*v.*) party, celebrate
28. **catacombs** (*n.*) subterranean cemetery of galleries with recesses for tombs
29. **catechism** (*n.*) book for religious instruction
30. **cavil** (*v.*) make frivolous objections
31. **ensorious** (*adj.*) critical
32. **chaff** (*n.*) worthless products of an endeavor
33. **champagne** (*n.*) white sparkling wine from France; pale orange yellow to light grayish-yellowish brown
34. **chandelier** (*n.*) branched, often ornate lighting fixture suspended from the ceiling
35. **chronic** (*adj.*) long established, esp. as a disease
36. **chronological** (*adj.*) arranged according to the order of time
37. **circumvent** (*v.*) outwit; baffle
38. **clemency** (*n.*) disposition to be lenient
39. **climate** (*n.*) prevailing influence or conditions characterizing a group or period
40. **cogitate** (*v.*) think over
41. **cohere** (*v.*) stick together
42. **combustible** (*adj.*) easily burned
43. **compact** (*n.*) agreement; contract
44. **complacent** (*adj.*) self-satisfied
45. **concession** (*n.*) an act of yielding
46. **concur** (*v.*) agree
47. **conflagration** (*n.*) great fire
48. **constituent** (*n.*) member of body entitled to elect a representative; essential part
49. **consult** (*v.*) refer to; deliberate together
50. **contrite** (*adj.*) penitent
51. **corpulent** (*adj.*) very fat
52. **crestfallen** (*adj.*) dejected; dispirited
53. **crimson** (*n.*) deep purplish red
54. **culminate** (*v.*) reach the highest or decisive point
55. **culvert** (*n.*) artificial channel for water
56. **curtail** (*v.*) shorten; reduce



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57. **dastardly** (*adv.*) cowardly
58. **debauch** (*v.*) corrupt
59. **deft** (*adj.*) neat; skillful
60. **deliberate** (*v.*) consider; ponder
61. **denizen** (*n.*) inhabitant of
62. **deposition** (*n.*) testimony under oath
63. **desolate** (*v.*) rob of joy; forsake
64. **despondent** (*adj.*) depressed; gloomy
65. **devastate** (*v.*) bring to ruin
66. **devolve** (*v.*) pass to others
67. **digression** (*n.*) wandering away from the subject
68. **dilettante** (*n.*) amateur; dabbler; person with superficial interest in an art or branch of knowledge
69. **diminution** (*n.*) lessening; reduction in size
70. **discredit** (*v.*) defame; disbelieve
71. **dissent** (*v.*) disagree
72. **diurnal** (*adj.*) daily
73. **divulge** (*v.*) reveal
74. **dogma** (*n.*) a body of principles concerning faith or morals formally stated and authoritatively proclaimed by a church
75. **drone** (*v.*) talk dully; buzz or murmur like a bee
76. **duplicity** (*n.*) double-dealing; hypocrisy
77. **earthy** (*adj.*) unrefined; coarse
78. **ecclesiastical** (*adj.*) of or relating to a church
79. **eclipse** (*v.*) darken; surpass
80. **educe** (*v.*) draw forth
81. **effrontery** (*n.*) shameless boldness
82. **elated** (*adj.*) overjoyed
83. **emaciated** (*adj.*) thin and wasted
84. **emollient** (*n.*) soothing or softening remedy
85. **enclave** (*n.*) territory enclosed within an alien land
86. **envious** (*adj.*) showing resentment of an advantage enjoyed by another
87. **epicure** (*n.*) connoisseur of food and drink
88. **equable** (*adj.*) uniform
89. **erratic** (*adj.*) odd; unpredictable
90. **estranged** (*adj.*) separated; alienated
91. **exalt** (*v.*) raise in rank or dignity; praise
92. **exclusive** (*adj.*) belonging only to one person, unit, or group named
93. **exegesis** (*n.*) explanation, esp. of Biblical passages
94. **expatiate** (*v.*) talk at length
95. **explicit** (*adj.*) definite; open
96. **extirpate** (*v.*) destroy completely; wipe out
97. **extra-** (*prefix*) outside, beyond
98. **exult** (*v.*) rejoice
99. **facsimile** (*n.*) copy
100. **faculty** (*n.*) ability; power
101. **fallow** (*adj.*) plowed but not sowed
102. **fastidious** (*adj.*) difficult to please
103. **faux pas** (*n.*) error or slip up, esp. in manners or behavior
104. **fecundity** (*n.*) fertility; fruitfulness
105. **figureheads** (*n.*) carved figures on a ship's bow



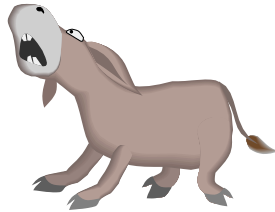
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106. **filial** (*adj.*) pertaining to a son or daughter
107. **flagrant** (*adj.*) conspicuously wicked
108. **flotilla** (*n.*) small fleet
109. **foible** (*n.*) weakness; slight fault
110. **former** (*adj.*) first in the order of two or more things
111. **fusion** (*n.*) merger of diverse elements into a unified whole
112. **gadfly** (*n.*) an irritating person
113. **garnish** (*v.*) decorate
114. **geniality** (*n.*) cheerfulness; sympathy
115. **geopolitics** (*n.*) combination of political and geographic factors relating to something
116. **gild** (*v.*) overlay with a thin covering of gold
117. **glib** (*adj.*) nonchalant, superficial; fluent in speaking or writing to the point of being insincere
118. **grandiose** (*adj.*) imposing; impressive
119. **hamper** (*v.*) obstruct
120. **harbinger** (*n.*) forerunner
121. **hew** (*v.*) cut to pieces with an ax or sword
122. **hideous** (*adj.*) morally offensive
123. **hindrance** (*n.*) block, obstacle
124. **hoodwink** (*v.*) deceive
125. **hothouse** (*n.*) greenhouse maintained at a high temperature, esp. for tropical plants
126. **hypo-** (*prefix*) under
127. **idiom** (*n.*) special usage in language
128. **ignoble** (*adj.*) of lowly origin; unworthy
129. **illumination** (*n.*) lighting
130. **imbroglio** (*n.*) scandal; intricate situation
131. **immutable** (*adj.*) unchangeable
132. **impeccable** (*adj.*) faultless
133. **impinge** (*v.*) infringe; collide with
134. **implement** (*v.*) supply or furnish with tools
135. **impolitic** (*adj.*) not wise
136. **impregnable** (*adj.*) invulnerable
137. **imprudent** (*adj.*) lacking caution
138. **incense** (*v.*) enrage; infuriate
139. **incredulous** (*adj.*) withholding belief; skeptical
140. **indemnify** (*v.*) make secure against loss
141. **indignity** (*n.*) offensive or insulting treatment
142. **inert** (*adj.*) inactive; lacking power to move
143. **ingenu** (*n.*) naïve girl or young woman
144. **instigate** (*v.*) urge, provoke
145. **interlocution** (*n.*) conversation
146. **itinerant** (*adj.*) wandering; traveling
147. **jaded** (*adj.*) made dull, apathetic, or cynical by experience
148. **jocose** (*adj.*) giving to joking
149. **kindle** (*v.*) start a fire; inspire
150. **knoll** (*n.*) little round hill
151. **laity** (*n.*) laymen; persons not connected to the clergy
152. **languor** (*n.*) weakness or weariness of mind or body
153. **latter** (*adj.*) belonging to a subsequent time or period
154. **legerdemain** (*n.*) sleight of hand
155. **listless** (*adj.*) lacking in spirit or energy
156. **lustrous** (*adj.*) shining
157. **magnanimous** (*adj.*) generous
158. **malapropism** (*n.*) comic misuse of a word
159. **martinet** (*n.*) strict disciplinarian
160. **meander** (*v.*) wind or turn in its course
161. **mélange** (*n.*) medley; miscellany
162. **mete** (*v.*) distribute
163. **millennium** (*n.*) a period of 1000 years
164. **mirth** (*n.*) merriment; laughter
165. **misnomer** (*n.*) wrong name; incorrect designation



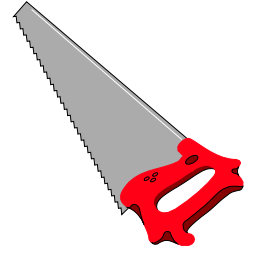
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167. **moiety** (*n.*) half; part
168. **momentous** (*adj.*) very important
169. **moor** (*n.*) marshy wasteland
170. **mores** (*n.*) customs
171. **muddle** (*v.*) confuse; mix up
172. **multifarious** (*adj.*) varied; greatly diversified
173. **musty** (*adj.*) stale; spoiled by age
174. **nauseate** (*v.*) cause to become sick; fill with disgust
175. **nexus** (*n.*) connection; center, focus
176. **niche** (*n.*) recess in a wall
177. **nomadic** (*adj.*) wandering
178. **novelty** (*n.*) something new; newness
179. **nuance** (*n.*) shade of different in meaning or color
180. **oaf** (*n.*) stupid, awkward person
181. **obloquy** (*n.*) slander; disgrace; infamy
182. **obstinate** (*adj.*) stubborn
183. **occlude** (*v.*) shut; close
184. **officious** (*adj.*) meddling; excessively trying to please
185. **onomatopoeia** (*n.*) words formed in imitation of natural sounds
186. **opportune** (*adj.*) timely; well chosen
187. **opulence** (*n.*) wealth
188. **ostracize** (*v.*) exclude from public favor; ban
189. **paean** (*n.*) song of praise or joy
190. **panache** (*n.*) flair; flamboyance
191. **pantomime** (*n.*) acting without dialogue
192. **parched** (*adj.*) extremely dry; very thirsty
193. **passé** (*adj.*) old-fashioned; past the prime
194. **pensive** (*adj.*) dreamily thoughtful, s.t. with a hint of sadness
195. **perdition** (*n.*) complete ruin
196. **perigee** (*n.*) point in the orbit of an object nearest the earth
197. **persecution** (*n.*) act of harassing or punishing those with different religions, origins, etc.
198. **perturb** (*v.*) disturb greatly
199. **petrify** (*v.*) turn to stone
200. **philology** (*n.*) linguistics; study of language and literature
201. **piquant** (*adj.*) pleasantly tart-tasting; stimulating
202. **platitude** (*n.*) trite remark; commonplace statement
203. **podiatrist** (*n.*) doctor who treats feet
204. **polyglot** (*adj.*) speaking several languages
205. **portentous** (*adj.*) ominous; serious
206. **postulate** (*n.*) self-evident truth
207. **precarious** (*adj.*) uncertain; risky
208. **primitive** (*adj.*) of or relating to the earliest age or period
209. **primogeniture** (*n.*) seniority by birth
210. **prodigal** (*adj.*) wasteful; reckless with money
211. **prognosticate** (*v.*) predict
212. **propinquity** (*n.*) nearness; kinskip
213. **prostrate** (*v.*) stretch out full on ground
214. **prow** (*n.*) the forward part of a ship
215. **pseudo-** (*prefix*) false, substitute
216. **puerile** (*adj.*) childish
217. **pusillanimous** (*adj.*) cowardly; fainthearted
218. **quaff** (*v.*) drink heartily and copiously
219. **qualms** (*n.*) misgivings
220. **quicken** (*v.*) stimulate; hasten
221. **quizzical** (*adj.*) expressive of puzzlement
222. **radiance** (*n.*) quality of reflecting beams of light; glow
223. **ragamuffin** (*n.*) person wearing tattered clothes
224. **rampant** (*adj.*) unrestrained



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225. **raucous** (*adj.*) harsh and shrill
226. **realms** (*n.*) region of activity; domain
227. **rebuttal** (*n.*) refutation; response with contrary evidence
228. **recluse** (*n.*) hermit
229. **refectory** (*n.*) dining hall
230. **Reformation** (*n.*) a 16th century religious movement marked by modification of some Roman Catholic doctrines and practices, ending with the establishment of Protestant churches
231. **regale** (*v.*) entertain
232. **remiss** (*adj.*) negligent
233. **rendezvous** (*n.*) meeting place
234. **replete** (*adj.*) filled to capacity; abundantly supplied
235. **reprove** (*v.*) censure; rebuke
236. **retraction** (*n.*) withdrawal
237. **retreat** (*v.*) withdraw
238. **revelry** (*n.*) boisterous merrymaking
239. **reverential** (*adj.*) expressing or having honor or respect
240. **revive** (*v.*) bring back to life, practice, or activity
241. **rhetorical** (*adj.*) pertaining to effective communication
242. **rigor** (*n.*) severity; harsh inflexibility
243. **rubicund** (*adj.*) having a healthy reddish color; ruddy
244. **sacrilegious** (*adj.*) desecrating; profane
245. **salient** (*adj.*) prominent
246. **sarcasm** (*n.*) scornful remarks; stinging rebuke
247. **schism** (*n.*) division; split
248. **secondary** (*adj.*) immediately derived from the original
249. **seismic** (*adj.*) pertaining to earthquakes
250. **sentient** (*adj.*) capable of sensing or feeling; aware
251. **serrated** (*adj.*) having a sawtoothed edge
252. **sharp** (*adj.*) severe; harsh
253. **sheathe** (*v.*) place into a case
254. **skeptic** (*n.*) doubter
255. **somber** (*adj.*) gloomy; depressing
256. **sophomoric** (*adj.*) immature; shallow
257. **spate** (*n.*) sudden flood or strong outburst; large number or amount
258. **Spoonerism** (*n.*) accidental transposition of sounds in successive words
259. **spurious** (*adj.*) false; counterfeit
260. **steadfast** (*adj.*) loyal
261. **stoke** (*v.*) feed plentifully
262. **striated** (*adj.*) marked with parallel bands; grooved
263. **suave** (*adj.*) smooth; bland
264. **subside** (*v.*) diminish; decrease
265. **subversive** (*adj.*) tending to overthrow or ruin
266. **sumptuous** (*adj.*) extremely costly, rich, luxurious, or magnificent
267. **supernumerary** (*n.*) person or thing in excess of what is necessary; extra
268. **suppress** (*v.*) crush; subdue; inhibit
269. **swathe** (*v.*) wrap around; bandage
270. **talisman** (*n.*) charm
271. **tantalize** (*v.*) tease or torment by presenting something desirable, but out of reach
272. **tawdry** (*adj.*) cheap and gaudy
273. **temper** (*v.*) dilute or soften by the addition of something else
274. **tensile** (*adj.*) capable of being stretched
275. **terminology** (*n.*) technical or special words used in a special subject
276. **tetchy** (*adj.*) irritably or peevishly sensitive
277. **timidity** (*n.*) lack of self-confidence or courage



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279. **transient** (*adj.*) fleeting; quickly passing away; staying for a short time
280. **transparent** (*adj.*) allowing the passage of light without scattering; free from deceit
281. **travail** (*n.*) painful labor
282. **trilogy** (*n.*) group of three works
283. **truculent** (*adj.*) aggressive; savage
284. **turbid** (*adj.*) muddy; having the sediment disturbed
285. **ubiquitous** (*adj.*) being everywhere; omnipresent
286. **unanimity** (*n.*) complete agreement
287. **unctuous** (*adj.*) oily; bland; insincerely suave
288. **unfledged** (*adj.*) immature
289. **unkempt** (*adj.*) disheveled
290. **upbraid** (*v.*) scold; reproach
291. **vagary** (*n.*) caprice; whim
292. **vaunted** (*adj.*) boasted; bragged; highly publicized
293. **vie** (*v.*) contend; compete
294. **virtuoso** (*n.*) highly skilled artist
295. **voracious** (*adj.*) ravenous
296. **waft** (*v.*) move or go lightly, esp. through air
297. **wallow** (*v.*) become helpless; roll in
298. **wanton** (*adj.*) merciless; inhumane
299. **winnow** (*v.*) sift; separate good parts from bad
300. **yore** (*n.*) time past

