

# "Catch the Spelling Bee" Bug

Youth Spelling Contest - **Sponsored by Foothill Mercantile**

Special Events Tent - Wednesday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, 3pm

**Entry Forms Due Date Extended: Open Until Filled  
(maximum 10 entries per Class)**

Division: 992

Class 1: 5<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> graders

(children entering their 5<sup>th</sup> or 6<sup>th</sup> year in the Fall of 2015)

Class 2: 7<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup> graders

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Entry fee: \$2.00

Prizing: First prize for each class is a \$50 gift certificate to Foothill Mercantile. Great prizes will also be awarded to the runner up of each class.



Competition will begin for Class 1 at 3:00pm

Class 2 at 3:45pm

Space is limited in each class. If there are a large number of registrants; the Nevada County Fair may hold a preliminary round prior to the day of competition.

## How it will work; Rules & Regulations

Round 1 - Each speller will be given a total of 5 words and points will be awarded based on the number of correctly spelled words. The two contestants with the highest scores will qualify to participate in Round 2 for prizes.

Round 2 - The finalists will spell words one at a time, alternating. Any misspelled word or breaking of regulation will result in elimination.

- Paper and a pencil will be available for contestants to write the spelling word (for their use); **contestants must then spell the word orally for competition.**
- In competition, contestants may pronounce words before spelling, after spelling, or not at all. Contestants must then spell the word orally.
- Having started to spell a word, a contestant shall be given no opportunity to change letters once pronounced. **A speller may retrace (re-spell), provided letters and their sequence are not changed during retracing.** The speller must indicate words with apostrophes, capitals, or other punctuation, and say accent marks **either** over the letter or at the end of the word. Paper and pencil will not be allowed except as provided by NC Fair.
- A contestant may request that a word be re-pronounced, defined, or used in a sentence. The Reader shall grant the request until it is agreed that the word has been made reasonably clear to the contestant.
- Judge/Reader may disqualify any contestant who ignores a request to start spelling the word.
- If, inadvertently, no definition of a homonym is given, the correct spelling of either word shall be accepted as correct. When a speller is given the definition of a homonym, he/she **must spell the word defined.**
- If there is a tie in the number of points determining the top two spellers qualifying for Round 2, the oral bee will continue with alternating single word competition until 2 spellers remain.
- Event Coordinator and reader will be in complete charge of the contest. (Reader is selected by NC Fair.) Their decision will be final in all questions. Any problem relating to the spelling of a word must be brought to them immediately (before the beginning of the next round). No protest will be entertained after the contest has ended.

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Word	Definition	Sentence
<b>abbreviation</b>	A shortened form of a word or words.	UN is the <b>abbreviation</b> for the United Nations.
<b>abridged</b>	Shortened; condensed.	This <b>abridged</b> dictionary has only the most commonly used words from a larger edition.
<b>accordance</b>	Agreement.	In <b>accordance</b> with the law the driver was fined for speeding.
<b>accordion</b>	A portable musical instrument with keys, metal reeds and a pleated bellows.	Dan played a lively polka on his <b>accordion</b> .
<b>accuracy</b>	Correctness; exactness.	I checked the <b>accuracy</b> of his calculations and found no mistakes.
<b>accustomed</b>	Used to; in the habit of.	The farmer was <b>accustomed</b> to getting up early every morning to milk cows.
<b>achievement</b>	An accomplishment.	Winning the Super Bowl was a great <b>achievement</b> .
<b>acute</b>	Very serious; very severe; sharp.	The drought caused an <b>acute</b> shortage of drinking water in the city.
<b>adage</b>	A common saying generally believed to be true.	"Haste makes waste" is an <b>adage</b> worth remembering.
<b>admittance</b>	Permission to enter.	You need a special pass to gain <b>admittance</b> to the power plant.
<b>afloat</b>	Floating.	The boat remained <b>afloat</b> after it capsized.
<b>aggressive</b>	Energetic; forceful; first to attack.	The boxer became more <b>aggressive</b> and knocked out his opponent in the next round.
<b>alley</b>	A narrow street between or behind buildings.	The car entered a dark <b>alley</b> behind the apartment buildings.
<b>alliance</b>	A union formed to serve common interests.	The nations formed an <b>alliance</b> to fight against the enemies.
<b>almanac</b>	A book published annually, containing information about the weather, the sun, the moon and many other different subjects.	The farmer looked in the <b>almanac</b> to find out the best time for planting his crop.
<b>aloof</b>	At a distance; not involved.	Dave remained <b>aloof</b> while the other boys quarreled.
<b>ambassador</b>	A representative of the highest rank sent by one government to another.	The <b>ambassador</b> signed the peace treaty for his government.
<b>ambulance</b>	A car or other vehicle for carrying sick or wounded persons to a hospital.	An <b>ambulance</b> took the injured driver to the hospital.

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<b>analyze</b>	To study carefully in detail.	Coaches reviewed video tapes to <b>analyze</b> last week's football game.
<b>annex</b> (hom)	A building added to another larger building.	An <b>annex</b> to the library was built for use as a music room.
<b>apostrophe</b>	A punctuation mark used to show the possessive case, omission of one or more letters, or the plural of letters or numbers.	We use an <b>apostrophe</b> when we write don't for do not.
<b>appearance</b>	A coming into view.	The sudden <b>appearance</b> of the ghost frightened Ebenezer Scrooge.
<b>applause</b>	Approval shown by shouts or clapping hands.	The <b>applause</b> shook the auditorium as the winner was handed the trophy.
<b>appreciation</b>	Gratitude.	As a token of our <b>appreciation</b> , we are sending you a gift.
<b>architect</b>	A person who designs buildings and supervises their construction.	A famous <b>architect</b> designed this house.
<b>argument</b>	A dispute; a quarrel.	The boys' <b>argument</b> turned into a fight.
<b>arid</b>	Dry; having little or no rain.	The desert is an <b>arid</b> wasteland.
<b>ascent</b> (hom)	The act of moving upward; the act of going up.	The airplane made a quick <b>ascent</b> into and above the clouds.
<b>assurance</b>	A statement intended to inspire trust or confidence.	The captain gave us his <b>assurance</b> that our voyage would be safe.
<b>astronomer</b>	A person who specializes in the study of stars and other heavenly bodies.	The <b>astronomer</b> explained how the Milky Way was formed billions of years ago.
<b>attorney</b>	A lawyer.	The <b>attorney</b> argued so successfully that the judge freed the suspect.
<b>awesome</b>	Causing fear, wonder, or respect.	The raging storm at sea was an <b>awesome</b> sight.
<b>awkward</b>	Clumsy; not graceful in movement.	Brian looked <b>awkward</b> riding his little sister's tricycle.
<b>balmy</b>	Mild and pleasant.	Indian summer brought back <b>balmy</b> weather, and we could go out again in our shirt sleeves.
<b>barrel</b>	A large, round container having flat ends and curved sides.	This <b>barrel</b> holds 31 gallons of apple cider.
<b>boar</b>	A wild pig; a male pig.	The savage <b>boar</b> attacked a hunter with its long tusks.

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<b>boulder</b>	A large rounded rock.	A <b>boulder</b> rolled down the mountainside and crashed on the highway.
<b>boundary</b>	A dividing line; a border.	The Ohio River forms the <b>boundary</b> between Ohio and Kentucky.
<b>brawny</b>	Strong; powerful.	The muscles on his <b>brawny</b> arms are like steel.
<b>bridal</b>	Of a bride or a wedding.	After the wedding, she tossed her <b>bridal</b> bouquet to the cheering young ladies.
<b>brilliance</b>	Great brightness.	The North Star can be easily spotted because of its <b>brilliance</b> .
<b>buckle</b>	To fasten the two ends of a strap with a clasp.	I told my kids to <b>buckle</b> their seat belt for safety.
<b>canoe</b>	A light, narrow boat moved by paddles.	Tom and Jerry paddled their <b>canoe</b> down the river.
<b>canon</b>	A basic principle, rule, or standard.	A <b>canon</b> of ethics sets a guideline for lawyers' practices.
<b>canvass</b> (hom)	To go about asking for donations, seeking votes, or taking polls.	Volunteers <b>canvass</b> door-to-door for donations to the March of Dimes.
<b>capitol</b>	The building in which Congress or a state legislature meets for business.	Our state <b>capitol</b> is a big white building with a gilded dome.
<b>capsize</b>	To overturn; to turn bottom side up.	"If you are not careful, you will <b>capsize</b> the canoe and get us all wet."
<b>caress</b>	A gentle, loving stroke or patting.	The dog wagged its tail at the <b>caress</b> of Jeff's hand.
<b>caterpillar</b>	A wormlike creature hatched from the egg of a butterfly or a moth.	That green <b>caterpillar</b> will become a white butterfly.
<b>cavort</b>	To prance about; to jump about playfully.	I watched the ponies <b>cavort</b> in the meadow.
<b>cedar</b>	An evergreen tree related to the pine.	The reddish wood of the <b>cedar</b> is often used in making pencils.
<b>cello</b>	A musical instrument like the violin, but about twice the size and an octave below in pitch.	Julie plays the <b>cello</b> in the string quartet.
<b>challenge</b>	To ask to take part in a contest.	"I <b>challenge</b> you to a tennis match."
<b>channel</b> (hom)	A band of frequencies for radio or television transmission.	Diane changed the television <b>channel</b> to one with the evening news.

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<b>characterized</b>	Described	Ebenezer Scrooge is <b>characterized</b> as a penny-pinching old man in Dickens's "Christmas Carol".
<b>chord</b> (hom)	A combination of tones sounded together in harmony.	Julie struck a <b>chord</b> on her guitar.
<b>cinnamon</b>	A reddish-brown spice made from the bark of a tree.	I like the spicy aroma of freshly-baked <b>cinnamon</b> rolls.
<b>clamor</b>	A loud and continuous noise; a noisy outcry.	A flock of sea gulls raised a deafening <b>clamor</b> at the beach.
<b>cocoon</b>	A silky case spun by a caterpillar to live in while it changes into a butterfly or a moth.	The silkworm spins silk to form a <b>cocoon</b> .
<b>collapse</b>	To fall down; to break down.	The earthquake caused the bridge to <b>collapse</b> .
<b>committee</b>	A group of persons chosen for a task.	Bob was elected chairman of the entertainment <b>committee</b> .
<b>comparison</b>	Examination to find out similarities and differences.	Before buying, I tried on several shoes for <b>comparison</b> .
<b>complexion</b>	The skin color of the face.	Diane has a fair <b>complexion</b> and gets sunburned easily.
<b>conceal</b>	To hide; to keep secret.	Kathy forced a smile to <b>conceal</b> her anger.
<b>concentrate</b>	To direct one's whole attention.	I couldn't <b>concentrate</b> on my homework because you were making too much noise.
<b>confiscate</b>	To take something away by authority.	Customs officers may search travelers' bags and <b>confiscate</b> anything unlawfully brought into the country.
<b>conqueror</b>	A person who gains control of another country by war.	Napoleon's mighty army helped him become a great <b>conqueror</b> .
<b>consent</b>	Agreement; permission.	You must have your parents' <b>consent</b> to join the peewee football team.
<b>contagious</b>	Easily spread by contact; catching.	Chicken pox is very <b>contagious</b> .
<b>controversy</b>	A dispute; a disagreement.	A <b>controversy</b> arose over the building of a nuclear plant near the town.
<b>corps</b>	A specially trained group of people.	The President spoke to members of the White House press <b>corps</b> .
<b>council</b> (hom)	A group of people chosen to advise or to make rules.	John was elected to the student <b>council</b> as our class representative.
<b>courtesy</b>	Politeness; an act or a gesture of politeness.	When he held the door open for her, she thanked him for his <b>courtesy</b> .

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<b>cranny</b>	A small, narrow opening; a crack.	A ray of sunlight came through a <b>cranny</b> into the dark cave.
<b>crocus</b>	A small plant with a colorful flower that blooms very early in spring.	The blooming of the <b>crocus</b> is a sign of spring.
<b>crony</b>	A close friend.	An old <b>crony</b> from Grandfather's hometown came to visit him.
<b>cuckoo</b>	A small bird with a whistling call that sounds like its name.	Our <b>cuckoo</b> clock has a toy bird that pops out to announce the time.
<b>cyclone</b>	A whirling, violent windstorm; a tornado.	The <b>cyclone</b> whirled through the town, destroying homes and uprooting trees.
<b>deficit</b>	A shortage of money.	Because the club members spent more money than planned, their budget showed a <b>deficit</b> .
<b>desert</b>	A large, dry, barren region.	It seldom rains in the <b>desert</b> .
<b>deuce</b>	A tie score in tennis.	In tennis you must score twice to win after reaching <b>deuce</b> .
<b>develop</b>	To grow; to bring into being.	Weight lifting everyday will help <b>develop</b> strong arms.
<b>diary</b>	A daily record of personal experiences.	Anne Frank kept a <b>diary</b> during the two years she hid from the Germans.
<b>digestible</b>	Capable of being taken in and used by the body.	You have to chew your food to make it easily <b>digestible</b> .
<b>discrimination</b>	An unfair treatment; injustice toward a group of persons.	When we didn't let the girls play football with us, they argued that it was <b>discrimination</b> against women.
<b>dispirited</b>	Disheartened; discouraged.	Hungry and <b>dispirited</b> , the soldiers surrendered without a fight.
<b>divvy</b>	To share; to divide.	The pirates quarreled about how to <b>divvy</b> up the loot.
<b>dominance</b>	A powerful influence; a position or authority or leadership.	Their team continued its <b>dominance</b> in the football league, winning the championship every year for six years.
<b>dribble</b>	To flow in small drops; to trickle.	Turn the faucet off completely so it won't <b>dribble</b> .
<b>duly</b>	In a due manner; properly.	He was <b>duly</b> sworn in as the new mayor.
<b>edible</b>	Fit to eat.	Some mushrooms are <b>edible</b> but many others are poisonous.
<b>eerily</b>	Weirdly; frighteningly; mysteriously.	Owls hooted <b>eerily</b> in the dark woods.
<b>eliminate</b>	To get rid of; to remove.	Proofreading helps <b>eliminate</b> errors.

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<b>eloquent</b>	Forceful and fluent in the use of words.	His <b>eloquent</b> speech won the hearts of the crowd.
<b>embassy</b>	The official residence or headquarters of an ambassador.	The ambassador and the foreign minister met at the U.S. <b>embassy</b> .
<b>eminent</b>	Outstanding; distinguished.	The <b>eminent</b> scientist was awarded the Nobel Prize.
<b>emperor</b>	A man who rules an empire.	Napoleon crowned himself <b>emperor</b> after he conquered most of Europe.
<b>encyclopedia</b>	A book or a set of books containing a wide range of information usually arranged in alphabetical order.	Look in the <b>encyclopedia</b> if you need more information than you find in the dictionary.
<b>endorsement</b>	Support; approval.	Cindy is certain to win the school election because she already has almost everybody's <b>endorsement</b> .
<b>engrossed</b>	Completely absorbed; wholly occupied.	Sue was so <b>engrossed</b> in her reading that she didn't hear the doorbell.
<b>enterprising</b>	Ambitious; undertaking risks.	The <b>enterprising</b> young man began making and selling the computers he had designed.
<b>environment</b>	Natural surroundings.	We should try to keep our <b>environment</b> free of pollution.
<b>escalator</b>	A moving stairway.	"Hold the handrail when you ride the <b>escalator</b> ."
<b>escort</b>	To go along with someone to protect or to show honor.	Secret Servicemen <b>escort</b> the President everywhere he goes.
<b>essential</b>	Basic; very important.	Fruits and vegetables are <b>essential</b> to a balanced diet.
<b>exert</b>	To bring into use; to put forth.	"You will have to <b>exert</b> all your strength to move that rock."
<b>exhibition</b>	A public showing.	We went to an <b>exhibition</b> of new paintings at the art museum.
<b>extraordinary</b>	Very unusual; remarkable.	Winning a spelling bee is an <b>extraordinary</b> accomplishment.
<b>falter</b>	To lose strength; to hesitate.	The intense artillery fire caused the enemy line to <b>falter</b> and then retreat.
<b>faucet</b>	A device for turning on or off the flow of water from a pipe.	I turned the <b>faucet</b> on and filled the bucket with water.
<b>fawn</b> (hom)	A young deer.	I saw a doe and her tiny <b>fawn</b> browsing in the park.

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<b>feign</b>	To pretend; to give a false story made up to fool people.	Opossums <b>feign</b> death when they are frightened or attacked.
<b>fertile</b>	Able to produce plentifully.	The rain, sunshine and <b>fertile</b> soil helped bring a good harvest.
<b>fidgety</b>	Restless; uneasy.	The children became <b>fidgety</b> as the speaker rambled on.
<b>fizzle</b>	To make a hissing sound momentarily.	Wet matches <b>fizzle</b> out.
<b>flail</b>	A tool made of sticks used to thresh grain by hand.	The farmer threshed wheat by beating it with a <b>flail</b> .
<b>flexible</b>	Bending easily; not stiff.	Bending exercises will keep your muscles and joints <b>flexible</b> .
<b>forest</b>	A large area with trees and plants.	The woodcutter worked all day in the <b>forest</b> .
<b>fragile</b>	Easily broken or damaged.	The package is labeled <b>fragile</b> so handle it with care.
<b>fragrance</b>	A pleasing smell.	The <b>fragrance</b> of roses filled the air in the garden.
<b>gait</b>	A way of moving on foot, as in walking or running.	The horse settled into a slow <b>gait</b> .
<b>galaxy</b>	A large group of stars.	The Milky Way is a <b>galaxy</b> made up of millions of stars.
<b>gallery</b>	A place for showing works of art.	They went to an art <b>gallery</b> to see an exhibition of new paintings.
<b>garrison</b>	A group of soldiers stationed in a fort or a town.	The town was defended by a <b>garrison</b> of 400 troops.
<b>generosity</b>	Willingness to give or share.	We thanked her for her <b>generosity</b> .
<b>genial</b>	Cheerful and friendly.	The tour guide gave us a <b>genial</b> welcome as we boarded the bus.
<b>glisten</b>	To shine or sparkle.	The snow-covered peaks <b>glisten</b> in the sun.
<b>gnat</b>	A small biting fly.	The <b>gnat</b> bites made me very itchy.
<b>gnome</b>	An imaginary dwarf living underground.	The <b>gnome</b> guarded hidden treasures in an underground cave.
<b>goalie</b>	goalkeeper.	The <b>goalie</b> fell on the ball before it could roll into the goal.
<b>gossipy</b>	Fond of idle talk about other people.	The <b>gossipy</b> woman could hardly wait to tell the news to her neighbor.
<b>guise</b>	A false appearance; pretense.	Robin Hood went to the sheriff's party in the <b>guise</b> of a butcher.
<b>guitar</b>	A six-stringed musical instrument.	Roger strummed his <b>guitar</b> as he sang.



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<b>gurgle</b>	To flow with a bubbling sound.	I listened to the water <b>gurgle</b> as I poured it out of the jug.
<b>habitat</b>	A place where an animal lives or a plant grows naturally.	The Antarctic is the <b>habitat</b> of penguins.
<b>hammock</b>	A swinging bed hung by ropes at both ends.	He took a nap in a <b>hammock</b> hung between two oak trees.
<b>handiwork</b>	Work done by hand.	This quilt is very precious to Jenny because it is her grandmother's <b>handiwork</b> .
<b>handkerchief</b>	A soft piece of cloth used for wiping the face or the nose.	She wiped her tears off with a <b>handkerchief</b> .
<b>harass</b>	To bother or annoy constantly.	Mosquitoes <b>harass</b> people on summer nights with their buzzing and biting
<b>haughty</b>	Too proud of oneself; looking down on others.	The <b>haughty</b> queen wouldn't lower herself to talk with the servants.
<b>hearth</b>	The floor in front of a fireplace.	We sat by the brick <b>hearth</b> watching logs burn in the fireplace.
<b>hectic</b>	Filled with great excitement, activity or confusion.	"What a <b>hectic</b> day! I did not even have time to sit down and eat."
<b>hilarious</b>	Very funny; noisily merry.	The comedian told a <b>hilarious</b> joke that made everyone laugh.
<b>hoax</b>	A trick or a false story made up to fool people.	The radio report that Martians landed on the earth was a <b>hoax</b> .
<b>horde</b> (hom)	A large group; a crowd; a swarm.	A <b>horde</b> of grasshoppers ate all the farmer's crops.
<b>hue</b>	A color.	The photograph shows the reddish <b>hue</b> of the planet Mars.
<b>hurrah</b>	A shout of joy or triumph.	We screamed " <b>hurrah!</b> " as Jack scored the winning goal.
<b>hurtle</b>	To move with great speed; to rush noisily or violently.	When the brakes of the truck failed, it began to <b>hurtle</b> down a steep hill.
<b>hymn</b> (hom)	A song of praise.	The choir sang a <b>hymn</b> of thanksgiving.
<b>icily</b>	Coldly; in an unfriendly way.	"Mind your own business," she told him <b>icily</b> .
<b>imaginary</b>	Existing only in the mind; not real.	Elves and gnomes are <b>imaginary</b> beings that live only in fairy tales.
<b>immediate</b>	Prompt; without delay.	The boy needed <b>immediate</b> medical treatment after a rattlesnake bit him.
<b>immense</b>	Very large.	It took all day to sail across that <b>immense</b> lake.
<b>incredible</b>	Unbelievable; seemingly impossible to be true.	It is <b>incredible</b> that Rip Van Winkle slept for twenty years.

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<b>inheritance</b>	Property or money received from a parent or another person who has died.	His <b>inheritance</b> from his uncle was \$5,000 and the farm.
<b>insert</b>	To put in.	"You <b>insert</b> the key and turn it to the right to unlock the door."
<b>interruption</b>	A pause; a stopping.	A tornado warning caused a brief <b>interruption</b> in the television program.
<b>intestine</b>	The long coiled tube below the stomach that helps to digest food.	Food goes from the stomach to the small <b>intestine</b> .
<b>islet</b> (hom)	A small island.	They rowed their boat to an <b>islet</b> in the middle of the lake.
<b>jealousy</b>	Envy and ill will.	Cinderella's sisters stared with <b>jealousy</b> at her beautiful new dress and shoes.
<b>jetty</b>	A breakwater; a structure built in the water to protect a harbor.	They built a <b>jetty</b> of rocks around the harbor.
<b>jewelry</b>	Ornaments made of precious stones or metals.	She keeps her necklaces in a <b>jewelry</b> box.
<b>journey</b>	A long trip.	Dorothy and her friends went on a <b>journey</b> to see the Wizard of Oz.
<b>jovial</b>	Merry; good-humored; jolly.	When Grandfather is in a <b>jovial</b> mood, he likes to tell humorous stories.
<b>juggler</b>	A person who performs tricks with the hands, such as tossing and catching many objects.	The <b>juggler</b> tossed and caught three balls at a time.
<b>kangaroo</b>	A leaping animal of Australia.	The baby <b>kangaroo</b> crawled into its mother's pouch.
<b>kennel</b>	A place where dogs are kept or cared for.	Mike left his collie at a <b>kennel</b> when he and his family went on a vacation.
<b>kernel</b> (hom)	A grain; a seed of corn or wheat.	A <b>kernel</b> of corn will grow to produce ears of corn.
<b>legendary</b>	Of a story handed down from earlier times.	Robin Hood was a <b>legendary</b> English outlaw who robbed the rich to help the poor.
<b>leisure</b>	Not busy; free from work; spare time.	We will have plenty of <b>leisure</b> time in the summer when school is out.
<b>lightning</b>	A flash of light caused by a discharge of electricity in the sky.	The <b>lightning</b> flashed and thunder rumbled.

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<b>lilac</b>	A shrub with clusters of sweet-smelling purplish or white flowers.	The purple flowers of the <b>lilac</b> filled the air with fragrance.
<b>linen</b>	Household cloth articles, like sheets and towels.	She put the clean towels in the <b>linen</b> closet.
<b>literature</b>	Poems, novels, plays and other writings.	When you study English <b>literature</b> , you will read Shakespeare.
<b>luxurious</b>	Rich and comfortable; lavish.	His <b>luxurious</b> mansion has Persian rugs in every room.
<b>magazine</b>	A weekly or monthly publication with articles by different writers.	I read that article in this week's news <b>magazine</b> .
<b>maize</b> (hom)	Corn	This margarine is made from <b>maize</b> .
<b>management</b>	Direction; control.	His company went out of business because of poor <b>management</b> .
<b>manor</b>	A mansion on a large piece of land.	The rich man lived in a fifty-room <b>manor</b> with a swimming pool and tennis courts.
<b>mantle</b> (hom)	A cloak; something that covers like a cloak.	A <b>mantle</b> of fresh snow covered the ground.
<b>mascot</b>	A person or an animal supposed to bring good luck.	The team's <b>mascot</b> is a bulldog.
<b>masculine</b>	Having the qualities of a man; manly.	He has a deep, <b>masculine</b> voice.
<b>mileage</b>	The distance traveled on a unit of fuel; the number of miles traveled.	The gas <b>mileage</b> of this car is about forty miles per gallon.
<b>murky</b>	Dark; gloomy.	The sky was <b>murky</b> with smoke from factory chimneys.
<b>murmur</b>	A soft, low, continuous sound.	The <b>murmur</b> of the brook lulled the campers to sleep.
<b>museum</b>	A building in which interesting things are kept and shown to the public.	We went to the art <b>museum</b> to see Picasso's famous paintings.
<b>negotiate</b>	To talk over to reach an agreement; to arrange terms for.	The ambassadors worked long and hard to <b>negotiate</b> a peace treaty.
<b>noticeable</b>	Easily seen or heard; easily noticed.	The smudge on his white shirt was very <b>noticeable</b> .
<b>nourish</b>	To make grow; to feed.	Babies need milk to <b>nourish</b> their bodies.
<b>novice</b>	A beginner.	Even a <b>novice</b> can use this computer after one hour of practice.

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<b>nucleus</b>	A core; a central part around which other parts are grouped.	An atom is made up of a <b>nucleus</b> and electrons spinning around it.
<b>nuisance</b>	Someone or something that bothers or makes trouble.	Mosquitoes were a real <b>nuisance</b> to his roommate.
<b>numerous</b>	Many; large in number.	The icy streets caused <b>numerous</b> accidents all over the city.
<b>oasis</b>	A place in a desert where water is found and plants grow.	The desert travelers came to rest at an <b>oasis</b> under the shade of palm trees.
<b>obedient</b>	Willing to obey; doing what one is told.	He trained the German Shepherd to be <b>obedient</b> .
<b>oblige</b>	To do a favor; to force or compel.	When the audience requested an encore, she was happy to <b>oblige</b> .
<b>outrageous</b>	Shocking; terrible.	I won't pay such an <b>outrageous</b> price for this little hat.
<b>pageant</b>	A play in which a story is told about one or more historical events.	George was an Indian chief in the school <b>pageant</b> .
<b>parliament</b>	A national assembly; a national legislature.	The Israeli <b>parliament</b> approved the proposed peace treaty with Egypt.
<b>paunch</b>	The belly.	His <b>paunch</b> grew large from overeating.
<b>peal</b> (hom)	A loud ringing of bells; any similar sound.	Lightning flashed, followed by a <b>peal</b> of thunder.
<b>peculiar</b>	Strange; odd; unusual.	Charlie had a <b>peculiar</b> habit of scratching his ear when he was embarrassed.
<b>peninsula</b>	A piece of land that sticks far out into water.	Florida is a <b>peninsula</b> between the Atlantic Ocean and the Gulf of Mexico.
<b>pension</b>	Money paid regularly to a person after retirement.	The man lived on a small <b>pension</b> after retiring from the railroad company.
<b>performance</b>	The act of carrying out an action; a public entertainment, such as dancing, singing or playing a musical instrument.	The teacher praised Katie for her fine <b>performance</b> in the play.
<b>perilous</b>	Dangerous or hazardous; full of or involving risk.	The ship sailed through a <b>perilous</b> sea filled with drifting icebergs.
<b>permanent</b>	Lasting for a long time; not temporary.	Susan got her first <b>permanent</b> tooth when she was six years old.
<b>persistence</b>	The act of keeping on doing something stubbornly.	Mosquitoes buzzed around with annoying <b>persistence</b> .
<b>persuade</b>	To win over someone to do something.	Bob was so stubborn we could not <b>persuade</b> him to come.

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<b>pigeon</b>	A bird with a plump body, a small head and short legs; a dove.	The <b>pigeon</b> cooed in its nest.
<b>pillar</b>	A post that supports a roof.	When the <b>pillar</b> collapsed, the roof caved in.
<b>plait</b>	A flat fold made by weaving together strands of hair, straw or cloth.	Mary wears her hair in a long <b>plait</b> with a ribbon tied around it.
<b>pliers</b>	A small hand tool used for grasping, holding, twisting or turning.	Mike used a pair of <b>pliers</b> to tighten a nut on his bicycle.
<b>plume</b>	A large feather.	The Indian wore a <b>plume</b> in his headband.
<b>poplar</b>	Any of several tall, fast-growing trees of the willow family.	The cottonwood is a kind of <b>poplar</b> .
<b>possession</b>	The owning of something; ownership; something owned.	Police arrested the man for illegal <b>possession</b> of guns.
<b>prairie</b>	A region of flat or slightly rolling grassland.	Herds of buffalo grazed on the endless <b>prairie</b> .
<b>precede</b>	To go before; to come before.	Drum majorettes usually <b>precede</b> the band in parades.
<b>preceding</b>	Coming just before; previous.	Let's turn back the page and read the <b>preceding</b> paragraphs.
<b>preferable</b>	More desirable.	A peaceful solution is <b>preferable</b> to starting a war.
<b>privilege</b>	A special right, benefit or favor.	Club members have the <b>privilege</b> of using the swimming pool.
<b>purchase</b>	The act of buying; something bought.	Please save your receipt as a proof of <b>purchase</b> .
<b>quell</b>	To put down; to crush.	The army was sent to <b>quell</b> the riot.
<b>questionnaire</b>	A list of questions.	"Please fill out the <b>questionnaire</b> as completely as you can."
<b>raccoon</b>	A tree-climbing animal with masklike markings around the eyes.	A <b>raccoon</b> came out at night to eat the farmer's corn.
<b>recipe</b>	A set of directions used in cooking or baking.	Jane gave me a <b>recipe</b> for chocolate cake.
<b>recruit</b>	To enlist; to get people to join; to enroll.	The army tries to <b>recruit</b> bright young men and women.
<b>reference</b>	A source of information.	If you need more information, see the <b>reference</b> in the footnote.

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<b>refrigerator</b>	A box for keeping food cold.	We put the watermelon in the <b>refrigerator</b> to keep it ice-cold.
<b>rehearsal</b>	A practice in preparation for a performance; a practice performance.	Our choir meets every Thursday for <b>rehearsal</b> .
<b>reign</b>	The rule; the period of rule, as by a king or queen.	The <b>reign</b> of Queen Victoria lasted more than sixty years.
<b>repel</b>	To drive away; to keep out.	This spray will <b>repel</b> insects.
<b>resistance</b>	The act of resisting; opposition.	The robber gave himself up without <b>resistance</b> when the sheriff caught him.
<b>responsibility</b>	Something a person is supposed to do; a duty.	It is Larry's <b>responsibility</b> to care for and feed his dog.
<b>retrieve</b>	To bring back; to get back.	I taught my German Shepherd to <b>retrieve</b> a ball I have thrown.
<b>revealed</b>	Made known; disclosed.	Mike <b>revealed</b> his secret to no one but his brother John.
<b>rhythm</b>	A movement with a regular pattern.	The children clapped their hands to the <b>rhythm</b> of the music.
<b>ridicule</b>	To make fun of; to laugh at.	"Be gentle. Don't <b>ridicule</b> your sister about her mistakes."
<b>routine</b>	Something done the same way every time.	My morning <b>routine</b> includes brushing my teeth and making my bed.
<b>rustle</b>	To make a soft sound of something rubbing together.	We heard the leaves <b>rustle</b> in the wind.
<b>satin</b>	A silk, nylon or rayon cloth with a smooth, shiny surface.	The queen wore a shimmering <b>satin</b> dress at the banquet.
<b>scour</b>	To clean by rubbing hard.	I used steel wool to <b>scour</b> the pots and pans.
<b>shawl</b>	A large piece of cloth worn over the head or the shoulders.	Sally covered her head with a wool <b>shawl</b> before going outdoors.
<b>shepherd</b>	A person who tends a flock of sheep.	The <b>shepherd</b> led his flock across the green pasture.
<b>shriek</b>	To utter a loud shrill sound.	I heard sirens <b>shriek</b> as police cars raced down the street.
<b>shrubbery</b>	A growth of shrubs.	He trimmed the <b>shrubbery</b> after mowing the lawn.
<b>sidle</b>	To move sideways.	I had to <b>sidle</b> through a narrow opening to get into the cave.
<b>sieve</b>	A utensil with a screened bottom for separating large pieces from small.	She shook flour through a <b>sieve</b> to take the lumps out.

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<b>similar</b>	Much the same; almost the same.	The viola is <b>similar</b> to the violin, but is larger in size and produces a deeper tone.
<b>sluggish</b>	Slow-moving; lacking energy; inactive.	She felt very <b>sluggish</b> after eating a big lunch on the hot, humid day.
<b>snooze</b>	To take a short nap.	He would <b>snooze</b> in his armchair, his face covered with the evening paper.
<b>soccer</b>	A field game played with a round ball.	Gary scored the winning goal in the <b>soccer</b> game.
<b>solemn</b>	Very serious; deeply earnest.	He made a <b>solemn</b> promise to tell the truth.
<b>sparse</b>	Thinly scattered; not dense or crowded.	The <b>sparse</b> hair on the baby's head will thicken as she grows older.
<b>squabble</b>	To engage in a petty, noisy quarrel.	"Don't <b>squabble</b> over who is going to bat first."
<b>squall</b>	A sudden violent storm or gust of wind.	The snow <b>squall</b> snarled traffic.
<b>snatch</b>	The act of suppressing; a retort that silences an opponent.	A tall wall was constructed to help <b>snatch</b> the noise of the children playing on the playground.
<b>squirrel</b>	A small animal with long bushy tail.	The <b>squirrel</b> sat on its haunches, eating acorns.
<b>squirt</b>	To force out liquid in a jet.	"Don't <b>squirt</b> your sister with your water pistol."
<b>stile</b> (hom)	A set of steps placed across a fence.	The farmer built a <b>stile</b> that let him cross the fence but kept his pigs inside.
<b>strait</b> (hom)	A narrow waterway connecting two large bodies of water.	The ship sailed from the Mediterranean Sea, through the <b>strait</b> , and into the Atlantic Ocean.
<b>stubborn</b>	Refusing to change one's mind; not giving in.	"Don't be so <b>stubborn</b> ; let me have the ball."
<b>suite</b> (hom)	A set of connected rooms.	At the hotel they stayed in a three-room <b>suite</b> .
<b>suspension</b>	The act of suspending; the condition of being suspended.	The principal placed the bully under <b>suspension</b> for a week for hitting other children.
<b>suspicion</b>	The act of suspecting; the condition of being suspected; a feeling that something is wrong.	The police confirmed their <b>suspicion</b> that the bank teller helped the robbers escape.
<b>talons</b>	The claws of a bird of prey.	The hawk caught a rabbit in its sharp <b>talons</b> .
<b>tangerine</b>	A small orange like fruit with a loose skin that peels easily.	This orange is so small it looks like a <b>tangerine</b> .

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<b>taut</b>	Tightly stretched; tense.	The string became <b>taut</b> as the kite soared with the wind.
<b>temporary</b>	Lasting for a short-time; not permanent.	The post office hired <b>temporary</b> workers to help handle Christmas mail.
<b>tendency</b>	A leaning; a natural disposition.	His old car has a <b>tendency</b> to stall in cold weather.
<b>thunderous</b>	Like thunder.	The audience burst into <b>thunderous</b> applause when Julie finished singing.
<b>tonsils</b>	The lumps of spongy tissue in the throat at the back of the mouth.	The <b>tonsils</b> trap the germs that enter the body through the nose and the mouth.
<b>tournament</b>	A series of contests.	Katie advanced to the semifinals of the tennis <b>tournament</b> .
<b>translator</b>	A person whose job is to express one language in another.	The <b>translator</b> worked closely with the Russian novelist on the English edition of his book.
<b>treadle</b>	A device worked by the foot to operate a machine.	That old sewing machine runs by a <b>treadle</b> instead of a motor.
<b>tremor</b>	A shaking; a trembling.	The <b>tremor</b> of the earthquake could be felt hundreds of miles away.
<b>tributary</b>	A river or a stream that flows into a larger one or into a lake.	The Missouri River is the longest <b>tributary</b> of the Mississippi River.
<b>turnstile</b>	A post with a revolving arm at an entrance, allowing one person to enter at a time.	We passed through a <b>turnstile</b> to enter the subway station.
<b>undoubtedly</b>	Surely; certainly.	Robin Hood was <b>undoubtedly</b> the best archer in England.
<b>unravel</b>	To disentangle; to clear from complication; to solve.	Detectives were called in to <b>unravel</b> the murder mystery.
<b>urban</b>	Of cities, of city life.	People living in small towns don't have to deal with <b>urban</b> problems.
<b>utensils</b>	Tools or containers, like those used in a kitchen.	Pots and pans are cooking <b>utensils</b> .
<b>valiant</b>	Brave; courageous.	The defenders put up a <b>valiant</b> fight in driving back the enemy's large army.
<b>vanilla</b>	A flavoring used in baking and cooking.	I had a slice of apple pie topped with a scoop of <b>vanilla</b> ice cream.
<b>veil (hom)</b>	A piece of thin cloth like a net, usually worn by women over the head or the face.	An Arab woman peered from behind her black <b>veil</b> .



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<b>vineyard</b>	A place where grapes are grown.	They picked grapes in the <b>vineyard</b> .
<b>visor</b>	A brim on the front of a cap.	The large <b>visor</b> on her baseball cap shaded her eyes from the sun.
<b>vitamin</b>	A substance in food, needed for good health.	Oranges are rich in <b>vitamin C</b> .
<b>waive</b> (hom)	To set aside; to give up a claim.	We decided to <b>waive</b> the age rule so that Johnny could join our club.
<b>wane</b> (hom)	To grow smaller or weaker.	The new moon begins to wax, and the full moon begins to <b>wane</b> .
<b>wince</b>	To draw back quickly, as from pain.	The sharp needle made me <b>wince</b> as the nurse gave me a shot.
<b>winnow</b>	To blow off the chaff from grain; to separate; to sort.	Farmers harvest wheat with giant reapers that thresh and <b>winnow</b> at the same time.
<b>winsome</b>	Charming; attractive; pleasant.	The girl with a <b>winsome</b> smile in the picture is Julie's sister.
<b>wizard</b>	A very clever and skillful person; a magician.	Thomas Edison was a <b>wizard</b> at invention.
<b>yawl</b>	A two-masted sailboat.	They sailed to Bermuda in a forty-foot <b>yawl</b> .

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Word	Definition	Sentence
<b>acclaim</b>	Praise; loud applause.	The hero won <b>acclaim</b> for his bravery.
<b>acme</b>	The highest point.	Winning the Super Bowl was the <b>acme</b> of his coaching career.
<b>acquisition</b>	Something gained or bought.	The latest <b>acquisition</b> of the museum is a painting by Picasso.
<b>acrid</b>	Bitter or harsh in taste or smell; sharp or irritating.	The burning rubber gave off <b>acrid</b> smoke.
<b>addressee</b>	One to whom a letter or a package is sent.	If the <b>addressee</b> has moved, please forward this package to him.
<b>adolescence</b>	The period between childhood and adulthood.	Acne is a common skin problem during <b>adolescence</b> .
<b>aerospace</b>	Of or having to do with space and space vehicles; the science dealing with space and space vehicles.	Landing man on the moon was a great accomplishment in <b>aerospace</b> technology
<b>aggregate</b>	A collection; a total.	The <b>aggregate</b> of small contributions in dimes and quarters amounted to more than \$100.
<b>airborne</b>	Off the ground; supported by air; carried by air.	The plane was <b>airborne</b> seconds after it started down the runway.
<b>albeit</b>	Although	The food at the restaurant was very good, <b>albeit</b> expensive.
<b>allegiance</b>	Loyalty.	The knights pledged their <b>allegiance</b> to the king.
<b>aluminum</b>	A silver-white metal of light weight.	The company used <b>aluminum</b> to make airplanes because it is light, strong and rust-free.
<b>ambiguity</b>	Uncertainty of meaning; vagueness.	He spoke with <b>ambiguity</b> to avoid definite answers.
<b>amiable</b>	Friendly and sociable; good-natured.	Susan is an <b>amiable</b> young lady; she is liked by everyone in her class.
<b>anecdote</b>	A short story about an interesting incident.	She told us the <b>anecdote</b> about George Washington and the cherry tree.
<b>annuity</b>	A yearly allowance; money paid regularly, as in a pension.	The retired couple lived on a modest <b>annuity</b> paid by their insurance company.
<b>anticipation</b>	Expectation; a looking forward to.	He hurried home in <b>anticipation</b> of a warm supper.
<b>antonym</b>	A word that means the opposite of another word.	Hate is an <b>antonym</b> of love.
<b>appraise</b>	To set a value on.	She had a jeweler <b>appraise</b> her diamond to determine its worth.

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<b>ardor</b>	Warmth of emotion; enthusiasm; eagerness.	The patriots' <b>ardor</b> soon cooled off after the war ended.
<b>arrogant</b>	Offensively proud; having too much pride.	The <b>arrogant</b> young genius tried to show how smart he was.
<b>aspirant</b>	A person who seeks a high position or honor.	For ten years she has been an <b>aspirant</b> to the office of mayor.
<b>assessor</b>	A person who sets the values of property for taxation.	The <b>assessor</b> said the house was worth \$100,000.
<b>attire</b>	Clothing.	The richness of the queen's <b>attire</b> dazzled her guests.
<b>augment</b>	To add to; to increase.	He worked at night to <b>augment</b> his income.
<b>auxiliary</b>	Serving in a supporting role; held in reserve.	The hospital has an <b>auxiliary</b> generator that will produce electricity in a blackout.
<b>bane</b>	Something harmful or destructive.	The smoke from the factory was the <b>bane</b> of the neighboring townspeople.
<b>barrage</b>	An overwhelming attack by artillery or machine gun fire.	The <b>barrage</b> of cannons kept the attacking army from moving forward.
<b>bazaar</b>	A fair where many kinds of articles are sold; a store offering many kinds of articles.	The church members held a <b>bazaar</b> to raise money for the orphanage.
<b>bedlam</b>	A scene of confusion, disorder or noisy uproar.	The pillow fight turned the nursery into <b>bedlam</b> .
<b>befuddle</b>	To confuse; to dull; to perplex.	The question seems to <b>befuddle</b> even experts.
<b>beguile</b>	To deceive; to cheat.	The enemy made a fake retreat to <b>beguile</b> our soldiers.
<b>benefactor</b>	One who gives money or other help; a patron.	The symphony orchestra received a large donation from a wealthy <b>benefactor</b> .
<b>billiards</b>	A game played on a cloth-covered table with hard balls and a long stick.	Jim drove the ball right into a pocket to win the game of <b>billiards</b> .
<b>blight</b>	A plant disease that causes withering and decay.	A <b>blight</b> struck the corn crop and caused the ears of corn to shrivel.
<b>boisterous</b>	Violent, rough, or noisy.	The <b>boisterous</b> roar of the crowd drowned the speaker's voice.
<b>bounteous</b>	Plentiful; generous.	The pilgrims were thankful for the <b>bounteous</b> blessings of harvest.
<b>brazen</b>	Bold and shameless.	In <b>brazen</b> defiance of the law, he parked his car in front of a "No Parking" sign.
<b>buoyancy</b>	The tendency or the power to float in water or other liquid.	This life jacket gives you <b>buoyancy</b> because it is filled with cork.

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**Division 992 Class 2: 7th/8th Grade Word List**

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<b>burlap</b>	A coarse cloth used in making sacks or wrappings.	He dug out the rose bush and wrapped its roots with <b>burlap</b> for transplanting.
<b>caboose</b>	A small car, usually at the end of a freight train, in which trainmen sleep and rest.	The <b>caboose</b> has a stove so that the trainmen can cook their meals.
<b>capacious</b>	Roomy; capable of holding a large quantity.	The carpenter carried a hammer and nails in her <b>capacious</b> pocket.
<b>capricious</b>	Fickle; given to whim; unpredictable; changeable.	The <b>capricious</b> weather brought thunderclouds out of the blue sky.
<b>careen</b>	To lean from side to side while moving fast.	We watched racing cars <b>careen</b> around a corner of the slippery track.
<b>caribou</b>	A large deer that lives in arctic regions of North America.	Both male and female <b>caribou</b> grow antlers.
<b>censor</b>	An official who examines movies, books or letters to remove anything though harmful or unsuitable.	The <b>censor</b> checked all mail going in to and going out of the prison.
<b>chancellor</b>	The head of a state or of a university.	The new <b>chancellor</b> of the university is a former English professor.
<b>chauffeur</b>	A person whose job is driving an automobile.	The <b>chauffeur</b> opened the door for Mary as she entered the limousine.
<b>chimpanzee</b>	An intelligent ape smaller than the gorilla.	The smart <b>chimpanzee</b> quickly learned to use the tools in the lab.
<b>codger</b>	An odd or peculiar man.	The owner of the country store was a friendly old <b>codger</b> .
<b>coincidence</b>	The happening of events at the same time by chance.	It is quite a <b>coincidence</b> that Steve and his father have their birthdays on the same day.
<b>colleague</b>	An associate; a fellow worker.	Professor Smith is Professor Brown's <b>colleague</b> at the university.
<b>combustible</b>	Capable of catching fire and burning.	"To prevent fires, keep paper and other <b>combustible</b> material away from fireplaces."
<b>comparable</b>	Equivalent; having qualities worthy of comparison.	Soybeans are <b>comparable</b> to steaks in protein content.
<b>compliment</b>	Something said to praise, admire or approve.	Mother deserved a <b>compliment</b> for the fine dinner.
<b>concerted</b>	Planned or done together; combined; joint.	The army and the air force made a <b>concerted</b> attack on the fortress.
<b>conscience</b>	A feeling of doubt or uneasiness; a guilty feeling.	"I had a <b>conscience</b> about telling the lie."
<b>consensus</b>	General agreement; an opinion generally held.	The family reached a <b>consensus</b> on a Florida vacation.

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**Division 992 Class 2: 7th/8th Grade Word List**

Word	Definition	Sentence
<b>consulate</b>	The office of a consul.	While in Italy, she went to the American <b>consulate</b> in Rome to have her passport renewed.
<b>corpulent</b>	Fat; large and bulky.	The wrestler, a <b>corpulent</b> giant, weighed nearly 400 pounds.
<b>corral</b>	An enclosed place for keeping animals.	The cowboys herded the cattle into a white-fenced <b>corral</b> .
<b>counterfeit</b>	A fake; fake money.	That twenty-dollar bill is worthless because it is a <b>counterfeit</b> .
<b>criticism</b>	A careful judgment or review about something.	"I would like to have your <b>criticism</b> and comments when you finish reading my book."
<b>cylinder</b>	A long, round body with ends cut flat.	The rolling pin has a smooth wooden <b>cylinder</b> used for rolling out dough.
<b>cylindrical</b>	Shaped like a cylinder.	Mallets are hammers with large <b>cylindrical</b> heads.
<b>cymbal</b>	A musical instrument of brass plate for making a clashing sound.	The <b>cymbal</b> makes a loud clang when struck against another.
<b>daffodil</b>	A plant with yellow flowers and slender leaves.	The <b>daffodil</b> blooms in early spring.
<b>dearth</b>	Scarcity; short supply.	The football team suffered from a <b>dearth</b> of quarterback talent.
<b>decathlon</b>	An athletic contest in which each player competes in ten different track and field events.	The <b>decathlon</b> includes the javelin and discus throws.
<b>decipher</b>	To make out the meaning of something hard to understand.	No one could <b>decipher</b> the secret code in the spy's letter.
<b>defendant</b>	A person who is sued or accused in a court.	The judge declared the <b>defendant</b> innocent.
<b>deference</b>	Respect; courteous regard.	In <b>deference</b> to their grandmother's wishes, they stayed at her house another day.
<b>delinquent</b>	Failing to do what is required; neglecting obligation.	If a customer is <b>delinquent</b> in paying his bills, he loses his credit.
<b>deluge</b>	A heavy downpour; a flood.	The rain came down in a <b>deluge</b> which filled the streets with ankle-deep water.
<b>disastrous</b>	Causing great damage or much suffering.	Freezing weather was <b>disastrous</b> to the citrus crop in Florida.
<b>disciple</b>	A person who follows the teachings of a master.	She was such a fine cook that he became a <b>disciple</b> of her art.

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<b>discus</b>	A heavy plate thrown in athletic contests.	He threw the <b>discus</b> with an underarm swing.
<b>distillation</b>	The process of heating a liquid to vaporize it and then cooling the vapor to change it back into a liquid.	Gasoline is produced by the <b>distillation</b> of crude oil.
<b>dolphin</b>	A long-nosed sea animal related to the whale.	A <b>dolphin</b> flipped out of the water and snatched a fish from the trainer's fingertips.
<b>domain</b>	A field of activity or influence.	"The kitchen is the chef's <b>domain</b> ; let him do what he pleases."
<b>eclipse</b>	The temporary darkening of the sun or the moon.	The moon's <b>eclipse</b> is caused by the earth's shadow.
<b>elation</b>	High spirits; pride; joy.	She felt great <b>elation</b> at winning the contest.
<b>elegant</b>	Showing good taste; refined; graceful and beautiful.	She looked <b>elegant</b> in her long silk dress.
<b>embroidery</b>	A decoration made by needle work on cloth.	Her sweater has an <b>embroidery</b> of roses on the front.
<b>emcee</b>	A master of ceremonies.	The <b>emcee</b> introduced the speaker and the other guests at the banquet.
<b>emigrant</b>	A person who leaves his country to live in another.	The Russian <b>emigrant</b> settled on a farm in Israel.
<b>emissary</b>	A person sent on a mission as the representative of another.	The ambassador was sent as the President's <b>emissary</b> to negotiate a treaty.
<b>epoch</b>	The beginning of a new period; a period of time during which important events happen.	Alexander Graham Bell's invention of the telephone marked an <b>epoch</b> in communication.
<b>equivalent</b>	Equal	One dollar is <b>equivalent</b> to four quarters.
<b>erroneous</b>	Mistaken; incorrect.	It is <b>erroneous</b> to believe that the sun moves around the earth.
<b>eruption</b>	The act of bursting forth or breaking out suddenly.	The <b>eruption</b> of the volcano covered the mountainside with molten lava.
<b>etiquette</b>	Rules of conduct expected of polite people.	Speaking with your mouth full isn't good <b>etiquette</b> .
<b>excerpt</b>	A passage; a selection.	She read an <b>excerpt</b> from Lincoln's Gettysburg Address.
<b>exemplify</b>	To be an example of.	Eagle Scouts <b>exemplify</b> the ideals of the Boy Scouts.
<b>exhalation</b>	The act of breathing out.	During <b>exhalation</b> , the lungs get rid of carbon dioxide.

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<b>exotic</b>	Foreign; unusual.	Jane grows <b>exotic</b> tropical flowers in her greenhouse.
<b>expectancy</b>	The state of expecting or being expected; the expected amount; that which is expected.	Thanks to modern medicine, life <b>expectancy</b> has risen above the 70 year mark
<b>exquisite</b>	Delicately beautiful.	Her birthday cake had an <b>exquisite</b> design of roses and letters iced in bright colors.
<b>fantasy</b>	Imagination; something imagined.	In a favorite book of <b>fantasy</b> , Peter Pan never grows old.
<b>fissure</b>	A long narrow opening.	The earthquake created a <b>fissure</b> a mile long and two feet wide.
<b>flourish</b>	To grow well; to prosper.	Orange groves <b>flourish</b> under the Florida sun.
<b>forestall</b>	To prevent by acting in advance; to hold off.	The company made every effort to <b>forestall</b> the strike.
<b>forlorn</b>	Lonesome; deserted; sad and miserable; left alone.	The stray dog looked hungry and <b>forlorn</b> .
<b>forum</b>	A discussion held in public; a meeting for such a discussion.	The mayor answered many questions at the city <b>forum</b> .
<b>galore</b>	Plentiful; in abundance.	Shoppers found bargains <b>galore</b> at the store.
<b>gauze</b>	A thin, loosely woven cloth.	She wrapped a <b>gauze</b> bandage around my finger.
<b>gawky</b>	Clumsy; awkward.	The gorilla walked around with a <b>gawky</b> gait.
<b>genteel</b>	Polite and courteous.	The <b>genteel</b> old man shook hands with every customer who came into his store.
<b>geyser</b>	A hot spring that from time to time shoots up a spray of steam and hot water.	Old Faithful, the famous <b>geyser</b> in Yellowstone National Park, erupts every hour.
<b>granary</b>	A building for storing grain.	The farmer stored wheat in his large <b>granary</b> .
<b>grimace</b>	A twisting of the face showing displeasure or pain.	A <b>grimace</b> of annoyance crossed her face when she had to answer several embarrassing questions.
<b>haphazardly</b>	Without planning; aimlessly.	"If you want to lose weight, don't try <b>haphazardly</b> ; stick to a diet."
<b>harpsichord</b>	A musical instrument played like a piano.	The <b>harpsichord</b> looks like a baby grand piano but sounds more like a harp.

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<b>heirloom</b>	Something valuable handed down in a family for generations.	This candlestick is an <b>heirloom</b> that once belonged to Janet's great-grandmother.
<b>helium</b>	A very light gas.	Balloons filled with <b>helium</b> float easily.
<b>hemisphere</b>	One half of a globe; one of the halves of the earth's surface.	Europe and Asia are in the same <b>hemisphere</b> .
<b>herbicide</b>	A chemical used to destroy plants, especially weeds.	The organic farmer chose to not use an <b>herbicide</b> or any pesticides.
<b>hodgepodge</b>	A confused mixture; a jumble.	His report was a <b>hodgepodge</b> of articles copied from several books.
<b>huckster</b>	A peddler, especially of fruits and vegetables.	A <b>huckster</b> went around the neighborhood selling baskets of tomatoes.
<b>hyacinth</b>	A plant of the lily family, with a cluster of small bell-shaped flowers.	The sweet-smelling <b>hyacinth</b> blooms in early spring.
<b>hypnotize</b>	To put a person in a trance; to fascinate.	He can <b>hypnotize</b> an audience with the eloquence of his speaking.
<b>idiocy</b>	A very foolish act; something very stupid.	"Going out in this weather without wearing a coat is <b>idiocy</b> ."
<b>illegible</b>	Not clear to read; incapable of being read.	His scribbly handwriting is <b>illegible</b> .
<b>illiterate</b>	Not knowing how to read and write.	Since the man was <b>illiterate</b> , he did not know how to fill out the job application forms.
<b>illogical</b>	Not reasonable; making no sense.	His argument was so <b>illogical</b> no one could understand it.
<b>immersible</b>	Capable of being dipped into a liquid without damage.	This coffee pot is <b>immersible</b> in water for cleaning.
<b>impetuous</b>	Acting hastily.	He wished he hadn't made the <b>impetuous</b> decision.
<b>incessant</b>	Uninterrupted; constant; continual.	The <b>incessant</b> chirping of crickets lasted all evening.
<b>incidental</b>	Of less importance; happening along with something more important.	On the trip you will need <b>incidental</b> expense money for extras like souvenirs and stamps.
<b>indelible</b>	Incapable of being erased or washed; permanent.	Johnny wrote his name on the football in <b>indelible</b> ink.
<b>indulgent</b>	Yielding to the desires of others or oneself; not very strict.	His <b>indulgent</b> mother bought him anything he asked for.
<b>ineptitude</b>	Lack of skill for a particular task.	His <b>ineptitude</b> in business led to his bankruptcy.
<b>infallible</b>	Free from error; unfailing.	This computer has an <b>infallible</b> memory.



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<b>inference</b>	The act of finding out by reasoning; the act of figuring out from something known or assumed.	Weathermen make their forecasts by <b>inference</b> .
<b>infirmary</b>	Weakness; ailment.	The <b>infirmary</b> of old age made him stop playing tennis.
<b>inflammation</b>	Swelling and redness in some part of the body, often accompanied by heat and pain.	Not only was there <b>inflammation</b> on my arm from scraping it, but it also looked black and blue
<b>inherent</b>	Belonging by nature; forming an essential quality.	Freedom of speech is <b>inherent</b> in the American way of democracy.
<b>initial</b>	Happening at the beginning; first.	When she received the job offer, her <b>initial</b> response was no, but she later accepted.
<b>initiative</b>	The first step in doing something; readiness or ability to start doing something.	Diane took the <b>initiative</b> in making friends by introducing herself to her new classmates.
<b>intelligible</b>	Capable of being understood; clear.	The man mumbled something barely <b>intelligible</b> .
<b>interminable</b>	Endless; seeming to be endless; very long.	The wait in line seemed <b>interminable</b> to the weary customers.
<b>intricate</b>	Very complicated; hard to follow or understand.	It took Bob and Sue all day to figure out that <b>intricate</b> puzzle.
<b>intrigue</b>	To arouse interest; to fascinate.	The mysteries of the universe <b>intrigue</b> astronomers.
<b>intuition</b>	The power to understand something by instinct.	Many persons depend on <b>intuition</b> more than reason when they form opinions about others.
<b>invigorate</b>	To give energy or strength; to refresh.	On a hot day a dip in the swimming pool will <b>invigorate</b> you.
<b>irrelevant</b>	Having nothing to do with the subject; unrelated.	Whether you like dogs or cats is <b>irrelevant</b> to our discussion about zoo animals.
<b>irresistible</b>	Incapable of being resisted or opposed; overpowering.	The aroma of fresh-baked cookies was <b>irresistible</b> to the hungry children.
<b>irrigate</b>	To supply the land with water.	Farmers <b>irrigate</b> their fields during dry spells.
<b>jaunt</b>	A short pleasure trip.	Mike and his family went on a weekend <b>jaunt</b> to the lake.
<b>jaunty</b>	Light-hearted; cheerful; easy and lively.	The young comedian walked on stage with <b>jaunty</b> steps.
<b>jocular</b>	Jesting; jovial; joking.	He teased his friends and made them laugh at his <b>jocular</b> remarks.

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<b>jubilant</b>	Showing great joy.	The <b>jubilant</b> players carried the coach on their shoulders in the victory celebration.
<b>laxity</b>	Lack of strictness; looseness; carelessness.	Because of <b>laxity</b> in discipline, many players skipped practice sessions.
<b>ledger</b>	A book for keeping records of money received and paid by a business.	The store owner updated his <b>ledger</b> every week to keep track of his profits.
<b>legion</b>	An army, a large number.	She had a <b>legion</b> of supporters who campaigned hard for her election.
<b>limousine</b>	A large luxurious automobile; a small bus for transporting passengers to and from an airport.	They took a <b>limousine</b> from the airport to the hotel.
<b>lineage</b>	Ancestry; the line of ancestors.	His <b>lineage</b> can be traced to the king of England.
<b>linear</b>	Of or like a line; having to do with length.	Inches and centimeters are units of <b>linear</b> measure.
<b>literary</b>	Having to do with books and writings.	Shakespeare was a <b>literary</b> genius.
<b>lithe</b>	Bending easily.	Her <b>lithe</b> body rolled over in a graceful somersault.
<b>livelihood</b>	A means of support; living.	He earned his <b>livelihood</b> by building and selling homes.
<b>locale</b>	A place or a setting for an event.	The <b>locale</b> of the drama is a New England fishing village.
<b>longitude</b>	Distance east or west on the earth's surface, measured in degrees.	The vertical lines on the map are lines of <b>longitude</b> .
<b>mammoth</b>	Very large; gigantic.	The circus set up a <b>mammoth</b> tent that could hold thousands of people.
<b>manuscript</b>	An article or a book that is handwritten or typed before it is printed.	She sent her 500-page <b>manuscript</b> to a publisher.
<b>maxim</b>	A general truth; a proverbial saying.	"That incident reminds me of the <b>maxim</b> 'A stitch in time saves nine'."
<b>medieval</b>	Of the Middle Ages.	Robin Hood was a legendary outlaw of <b>medieval</b> England.
<b>meteor</b>	A piece of stone or metal that comes from outer space and glows brightly as it enters the earth's atmosphere; a shooting star.	I saw a <b>meteor</b> flash across the night sky.

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<b>millinery</b>	The business of making and selling women's hats.	She bought her Easter hat at the new <b>millinery</b> .
<b>mimicry</b>	Humorous imitation.	The comedian's <b>mimicry</b> of the President's voice made everyone laugh.
<b>mischievous</b>	Naughty; full of pranks.	Jeff and his <b>mischievous</b> friends played a prank on Jennifer.
<b>missile</b>	An object thrown or shot, such as a spear or a rocket.	The <b>missile</b> fired from the launching pad carried a satellite into space.
<b>moccasins</b>	Soft leather shoes without heels.	When Karen got home, she took off her boots and put on <b>moccasins</b> .
<b>monitory</b>	Giving a warning; scolding mildly.	The teacher's <b>monitory</b> glance hushed the children's giggles.
<b>morale</b>	The way a group of people feel about how they are progressing toward goal.	The team's <b>morale</b> sagged during their four-game losing streak.
<b>morsel</b>	A small piece; a bit.	"I enjoyed every <b>morsel</b> of the cake you baked."
<b>mulberry</b>	A tree with broad leaves and edible purple fruit shaped like blackberries.	Silkworms feed on <b>mulberry</b> leaves.
<b>municipal</b>	Of a city.	He went to the <b>municipal</b> court to pay his traffic fine.
<b>mystify</b>	To perplex; to puzzle.	The murder case continued to <b>mystify</b> detectives.
<b>narrative</b>	A story.	He wrote an interesting <b>narrative</b> of his travels in China.
<b>nautical</b>	Of the sea or navigation.	The captain studied his <b>nautical</b> charts before sailing into the bay.
<b>nectar</b>	A sweet liquid found in flowers.	Bees take <b>nectar</b> from flowers to make honey.
<b>neigh (hom)</b>	To make the loud, long cry of a horse.	Horses <b>neigh</b> and cows moo.
<b>niche</b>	A place in a wall to hold a statue.	A marble statue stood in a <b>niche</b> at the bottom of the stairway.
<b>nurture</b>	To bring up; to care for; to train.	Most books we read <b>nurture</b> our minds.
<b>nymph</b>	One of the goddesses of nature in Greek and Roman mythology.	The story is about a beautiful <b>nymph</b> who lived in the woods.
<b>obsolete</b>	Out of date; no longer useful.	Since the store has a new catalog, the old one is <b>obsolete</b> .

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<b>obstinate</b>	Stubborn; not giving in to reasoning; unwilling to do what others want.	The <b>obstinate</b> mule would not pull the farmer's plow.
<b>occupancy</b>	The act of living in a place, as in a house, an apartment or a room.	This hotel makes no additional charge for double <b>occupancy</b> of rooms.
<b>octopus</b>	A sea animal having a soft body and eight long arms.	The <b>octopus</b> is sometimes called the devilfish because of its frightening look.
<b>ominous</b>	Seeming to foretell a bad happening.	Since the dark clouds looked <b>ominous</b> , we decided to postpone the picnic.
<b>oppressive</b>	Harsh and burdensome; cruel and unjust.	The people revolted against the dictator's <b>oppressive</b> rule.
<b>optimistic</b>	Inclined to believe that things will turn out well, hopeful.	We were the underdog, but our coach was <b>optimistic</b> about winning the game.
<b>opulent</b>	Rich; plentiful; luxurious.	The king entertained the guests with an <b>opulent</b> banquet.
<b>outmoded</b>	No longer in fashion; no longer practical.	The commission abolished the <b>outmoded</b> rules and adopted new ones.
<b>pacify</b>	To calm; to quiet down; to make peaceful.	She gave the crying child a lollipop to <b>pacify</b> him.
<b>pamphlet</b>	A small unbound book with a paper cover.	This ten-page <b>pamphlet</b> tells you all you need to know about your new bicycle.
<b>parsley</b>	A small plant with tiny green leaves used for flavoring and garnishing.	The roast turkey was served with a garnish of <b>parsley</b> leaves.
<b>partridge</b>	A general term for a game bird such as the grouse or the quail.	The <b>partridge</b> flew away, beating its wings noisily.
<b>pauper</b>	A very poor person, often supported by charity.	His pay was so small he lived like a <b>pauper</b> .
<b>pedestal</b>	A base on which a column, a statue, or a lamp stands.	The statue of Abraham Lincoln stands on a marble <b>pedestal</b> .
<b>percussion</b>	The striking of an object against another, especially when sound is produced.	Pianos and drums are <b>percussion</b> instruments.
<b>perseverance</b>	Continued or steadfast effort in spite of difficulties.	After many years of <b>perseverance</b> the Wright brothers finally made their airplane fly.
<b>personnel</b>	The group of people working for a business or other organization.	This company has modern equipment and well-trained <b>personnel</b> to serve its customers.
<b>pestle</b>	A hand tool used for grinding something.	The pharmacist used a <b>pestle</b> to grind medicine in a mortar.

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<b>philosophy</b>	Basic knowledge; wisdom; practical understanding of life and nature.	The coach built his football team on the <b>philosophy</b> that the best offense is the best defense.
<b>placard</b>	A poster.	The man carried a large <b>placard</b> that said "On Strike".
<b>plaque</b>	A plate with inscriptions, used for identification or decoration.	The principal's office has a <b>plaque</b> on the door with his name on it
<b>pliant</b>	Sending easily; flexible.	The <b>pliant</b> reeds swayed in the breeze.
<b>podium</b>	A raised platform for a speaker or an orchestra conductor.	The conductor stepped onto the <b>podium</b> and signaled the orchestra to play.
<b>populace</b>	All the people living in an area; the common people.	The military government was never supported by the <b>populace</b> .
<b>precedent</b>	Something done or said that may serve as a model or an example to be followed later.	The court decision set a <b>precedent</b> for other similar cases to follow.
<b>precipitation</b>	The falling of moisture, as rain, snow, sleet or hail.	The snow and rain yesterday gave us one inch of <b>precipitation</b> .
<b>predecessor</b>	One who has held an office or a position before another.	The new football coach is much younger than his <b>predecessor</b> .
<b>prejudiced</b>	Having a strong feeling or an opinion formed unfairly or without good reason; biased.	Since the judge was <b>prejudiced</b> against the defendant, he could not hold a fair trial.
<b>procedure</b>	A way or a method of doing something.	The doctor explained the surgical <b>procedure</b> to his assistants.
<b>proficient</b>	Skillful; expert.	Beth became <b>proficient</b> in typing after practicing all summer.
<b>propagate</b>	To produce or cause to produce young; to multiply.	Many trees and flowers <b>propagate</b> by seeds.
<b>prophet (hom)</b>	A person who tells what is to come in the future.	He was so good at forecasting the weather that they called him a weather <b>prophet</b> .
<b>propriety</b>	Correctness of behavior.	The <b>propriety</b> of calling someone this late in the evening is questionable.
<b>protein</b>	A substance that contains nitrogen and is needed for the growth of plant and animal cells.	Meat and beans are rich in <b>protein</b> .
<b>purge</b>	To rid of things or persons that are undesirable; to cleanse.	At the end of the year the secretary will <b>purge</b> her files.
<b>query</b>	A question; an inquiry.	The library sent me a letter in response to my <b>query</b> about the book.

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<b>quorum</b>	The minimum number of members that must be present to hold a meeting or to take a vote.	The committee couldn't get a <b>quorum</b> because more than half of the members were on vacation.
<b>rancid</b>	Having the smell or the taste of stale fat.	That <b>rancid</b> butter is unfit to eat.
<b>recourse</b>	A turning to for help; a source of help.	As a last <b>recourse</b> , they appealed the case to the Supreme Court.
<b>recurrent</b>	Happening again.	He went to see the doctor again about his <b>recurrent</b> headache.
<b>regatta</b>	A boat race; a series of boat races.	His sailboat finished first in the <b>regatta</b> .
<b>relevant</b>	Related to the matter at hand.	The judge dismissed the witness because her testimony was not <b>relevant</b> to the case.
<b>remembrance</b>	Memory; the act of remembering.	Memorial Day is observed in <b>remembrance</b> of those who gave their lives defending their country.
<b>renovate</b>	To make like new; to repair.	The landlord will <b>renovate</b> the apartment before new tenants move in.
<b>renown</b>	Fame.	Robin Hood achieved <b>renown</b> as the best archer in England.
<b>reprimand</b>	A scolding; a severe reproof.	For fighting at school, the boys received a <b>reprimand</b> from the principal.
<b>reservoir</b>	A place where water is stored in quantity.	This city has a plentiful supply of water in its <b>reservoir</b> .
<b>resonant</b>	Having a rich, pleasing sound.	The announcer's deep, <b>resonant</b> voice charmed his radio audience.
<b>revved</b>	Increased the speed (of an engine).	He <b>revved</b> up the engine as he entered the expressway.
<b>riddance</b>	A removal; the act of getting rid of.	"The mosquitoes are gone, and good <b>riddance</b> ."
<b>rigorous</b>	Strict; severe; exact.	The <b>rigorous</b> enforcement of traffic laws helped reduce the number of accidents.
<b>rodeo</b>	A cowboy show of riding horses and roping cattle.	We watched cowboys ride broncos at the <b>rodeo</b> .
<b>rogue</b>	A tricky, dishonest person; one who plays pranks; a rascal.	That little <b>rogue</b> put a frog in my lunch box.
<b>rouge</b>	A reddish cosmetic put on cheeks or lips.	Her healthy complexion needed no <b>rouge</b> .

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<b>satellite</b>	A heavenly body that revolves around a larger one; an object sent from the earth or revolve around a planet or the sun.	The moon is a <b>satellite</b> of the earth.
<b>sauerkraut</b>	Shredded cabbage fermented in its own juice with salt until sour.	I had sausage and <b>sauerkraut</b> for lunch at the German restaurant.
<b>saxophone</b>	A wind instrument having a single-reed mouthpiece, a curved metal body with finger keys, and a tone deeper than that of a clarinet.	Jim plays a <b>saxophone</b> in the jazz band.
<b>scalding</b>	Boiling; hot enough to burn.	After washing the dishes, she rinsed them in <b>scalding</b> water.
<b>scaly</b>	Covered with scales.	The <b>scaly</b> wall had to be scraped before it could be painted.
<b>scavenger</b>	An animal that feeds on refuse and decaying matter.	I keep a snail as a <b>scavenger</b> in my aquarium.
<b>scrimmage</b>	A confused struggle; in football, the play that follows the snapping of the ball.	The quarter back fumbled the football in the <b>scrimmage</b> .
<b>secrete</b>	To produce and give off a substance.	Flowers <b>secrete</b> nectar which bees use to make honey.
<b>sequel</b>	A novel or a movie that continues a story begun in an earlier one; something that follows.	"The Adventures of Huckleberry Finn" is a <b>sequel</b> to "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer."
<b>shrivel</b>	To dry up; to wrinkle.	When apples <b>shrivel</b> , they lose their juicy taste.
<b>shuttlecock</b>	A small rounded ball with feathers, hit back and forth in the game of badminton.	She swung her racket, sending the <b>shuttlecock</b> high over the net.
<b>smirk</b>	An affected, silly or self-satisfied smile.	She gave him a <b>smirk</b> that seemed to say, "I don't believe you."
<b>stalemate</b>	A tie; a deadlock.	The football game was at a <b>stalemate</b> until the Hawks scored the winning touchdown in the closing moments.
<b>stationary</b>	Standing still; not moving.	He exercises on a <b>stationary</b> bicycle in his room.
<b>stealthily</b>	Secretly; quietly to avoid notice.	Not making a sound, the cat moved <b>stealthily</b> toward the mouse.
<b>sterilize</b>	To make free of germs.	Mom will <b>sterilize</b> the baby bottles by running them through the dishwasher.

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<b>straggle</b>	To stray behind; to spread out in a scattered way.	The children began to <b>straggle</b> into camp after the long hike.
<b>strategy</b>	A plan of action.	Our team's <b>strategy</b> for the football game was to run more and to pass less.
<b>strenuous</b>	Requiring much energy or effort.	Shoveling the deep snow on the long driveway was <b>strenuous</b> work.
<b>suede</b>	Soft leather with a nap on one side.	The nap on his new <b>suede</b> jacket feels like velvet.
<b>supplant</b>	To take the place of someone else; to replace.	Computers can <b>supplant</b> people in doing simple jobs.
<b>surmount</b>	To overcome.	Abraham Lincoln had to <b>surmount</b> many obstacles in his rise to the Presidency.
<b>swarthy</b>	Having a dark skin.	The <b>swarthy</b> Indians called the white settlers palefaces.
<b>tapestry</b>	A heavy woven cloth with decorative designs.	A large <b>tapestry</b> hangs on the living room wall.
<b>tariff</b>	A tax on imports or exports.	Because of the high <b>tariff</b> , anything made outside the country is very expensive.
<b>temperament</b>	A person's nature or disposition.	Since Becky has a calm <b>temperament</b> , she rarely gets upset.
<b>tendon</b>	A strong cord or band of tissue joining a muscle to a bone.	When he fell, he tore a <b>tendon</b> at the back of his ankle.
<b>tentacles</b>	Long, slender, flexible body parts of some animals, used for feeling or grasping.	The octopus seized a small fish in its <b>tentacles</b> .
<b>tenure</b>	The right of holding an office; the length of time of holding an office.	The newly-elected President won a four-year <b>tenure</b> to the White House.
<b>terminus</b>	An end; the last stop.	New York is the <b>terminus</b> of their train trip across America.
<b>therefore</b>	For that reason.	I disagreed; <b>therefore</b> , I voted no.
<b>threshold</b>	A doorsill; a beginning point.	She paused at the <b>threshold</b> of the room before going in.
<b>tinsel</b>	Thin strips of glittering metal, paper or plastic used in decoration.	A garland of silver <b>tinsel</b> glittered on the tree.
<b>torrid</b>	Very hot.	Most plants cannot grow in the <b>torrid</b> climate of the desert.
<b>tortoise</b>	A land turtle.	In one of Aesop's fables the <b>tortoise</b> wins a race against the hare.



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<b>toxic</b>	Poisonous	The <b>toxic</b> chemicals leaked into the lake and killed all the fish.
<b>traceable</b>	Capable of being traced.	Much of the heat loss in a house is <b>traceable</b> to doors and windows.
<b>tundra</b>	A treeless plain in arctic regions.	In the fall, reindeer migrate south across the <b>tundra</b> .
<b>turban</b>	A headdress made of a long scarf wound around the head.	The Moslem man wore a white <b>turban</b> drawn over his forehead.
<b>turmoil</b>	A condition of agitation and confusion.	The escaped lions put the circus in a <b>turmoil</b> .
<b>unanimous</b>	In full agreement by all members.	The judges were <b>unanimous</b> in their decision to declare David the winner.
<b>undaunted</b>	Not afraid or discouraged.	The quarterback threw another long pass, <b>undaunted</b> by his earlier interceptions.
<b>unfurl</b>	To unroll; to spread out.	"Please <b>unfurl</b> the flag so we can raise it."
<b>unique</b>	Single in kind; having no equal.	Neil Armstrong has the <b>unique</b> honor of being the first man to walk on the moon.
<b>unkempt</b>	Not combed; not neat; not properly cared for.	The beggar had a dirty face and long <b>unkempt</b> hair.
<b>utility</b>	A service provided to the public; a company that provides a public service.	Homeowners pay <b>utility</b> bills for gas, electricity and water.
<b>valet</b>	A hotel employee who performs personal services for guests.	Hotel guests may call the <b>valet</b> for laundry and dry cleaning.
<b>velocity</b>	Speed.	Wind <b>velocity</b> increased rapidly as the hurricane approached.
<b>vermin</b>	Troublesome or harmful insects and small animals, like roaches and mice.	The old run-down houses were infested with <b>vermin</b> .
<b>veterinarian</b>	An animal doctor.	Dave took his dog to a <b>veterinarian</b> for rabies shots.
<b>vigilance</b>	Watchfulness; alertness.	The sentry guarded his post with <b>vigilance</b> .
<b>vogue</b>	Prevailing fashion or style.	Long skirts were in <b>vogue</b> that year among women of all ages.
<b>wheedle</b>	To persuade by pleasing words or flattery.	Dan tried to <b>wheedle</b> his brother into giving him the candy.
<b>wrangle</b>	A noisy quarrel; an angry dispute.	The players got into a <b>wrangle</b> over the rules of the games.
<b>zealous</b>	Very eager; very enthusiastic.	His <b>zealous</b> supporters wanted to make him emperor.