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**Abscess** is a localized collection of pus in tissues of the body.  
**Accessible** means easy to approach  
**Accommodate** is to do a kindness or a favor to; oblige.  
**Accordion** is a musical instrument.  
**Annulment** is the declaration that annuls a marriage.  
**Appellate** is of or pertaining to appeals.  
**Assassin** is a murderer, especially in politics.  
**Atrium** is the central room of an ancient Roman house.  
**Automaton** is another word for a robot.  
**Baboon** is a large monkey found in Africa or Arabia.  
**Balloon** is an inflated bag.  
**Barbiturate** is used to medicine as a sedative.  
**Barrette** is a clasp used to hold a girl's hair in place.  
**Bassoon** is a large woodwind instrument.  
**Bazaar** is a marketplace, especially in the Middle East.  
**Beige** is a very light brown.  
**Benign** is having a kindly disposition.  
**Bizarre** is markedly unusual.  
**Bobbin** is a reel upon which yarn or thread is wound.  
**Bonsai** is a tree that has been dwarfed, as by pruning.  
**Bough** is a branch of a tree.  
**Bouillon** is a clear usually seasoned broth.  
**Bouquet** is a bunch of flowers.  
**Bursar** is a treasurer or business officer.  
**Butte** is an isolated hill or mountain rising abruptly.  
**Cache** is a hiding place.  
**Calendar** is a table of days and weeks in a year.  
**Camaraderie** is good fellowship.  
**Campaign** is a military operation for a specific objective.  
**Canvass** is to solicit votes.  
**Carafe** is a wide-mouthed bottle used to serve beverages.  
**Caribou** is a large, North American deer.  
**Cataclysm** is any violent upheaval.  
**Caterpillar** is the larva of a butterfly or moth.  
**Cellist** is a person who plays a cello.  
**Cemetery** is a place set apart for graves or tombs.  
**Censor** is an official who examines material to suppress all or part of it.  
**Census** is an official enumeration of the population.  
**Chameleon** is a lizard that can, as protection, change color.  
**Charisma** is a personal quality that gives one power over a group of people.  
**Chauffeur** is a person employed to drive an automobile.  
**Cliche** is a trite, stereotyped expression.  
**Codeine** is used as a sedative or analgesic.  
**Colloquy** is a conversational exchange, dialogue.  
**Colonel** is an officer in the Army or Air Force.  
**Conceit** is an excessively favorable opinion of oneself.  
**Concessionaire** is someone to whom a concession has been granted.  
**Conscious** is being aware of one's own existence.  
**Consensus** is a majority of opinion.  
**Consomme** is a clear soup.  
**Cough** is to expel air through the lungs harshly, often violently.  
**Counsel** is advice.  
**Coyote** is a smaller, wolf-like animal.  
**Crescent** resembles a segment of a ring tapering to points at the ends.  
**Crochet** is needlework with a needle having a hook at one end.  
**Croquet** is a game played by knocking balls through metal wickets with a mallet.  
**Crouton** is a small piece of fried or toasted bread.  
**Crypt** is a subterranean chamber or vault.  
**Cuckoo** is a common European bird.  
**Cursor** is a movable symbol on a computer.

**Cymbal** is a concave plate that produces a sharp, ringing sound when struck, played in pairs.

**Debris** is the remains of things broken down or destroyed.

**Deceive** is to mislead by a false appearance or statement.

**Deductible** means capable of being deducted.

**Defendant** is a person against whom a charge is brought against in court.

**Descender** is the part of the letter that goes below the body.

**Detached** means not attached or separated.

**Deuce** is a card having two spots.

**Dialogue** is conversation with two or more people.

**Dictionary** is a book containing a selection of words or a language.

**Diocese** is a district under the jurisdiction of a bishop.

**Diphtheria** is an infectious disease.

**Disappear** is to cease to be seen.

**Discernible** means capable of being distinguished.

**Distraught** means deeply agitated.

**Doubt** is to be uncertain about.

**Dough** is flour or meal combined with water.

**Drought** is a period of dry weather.

**Ecstasy** is rapturous delight.

**Eerie** is uncanny, weird.

**Elite** is the choice or the best of anything.

**Embarrass** is to cause confusion and shame to.

**Ensign** is a flag or banner.

**Entourage** is a group of attendants or associates.

**Entrepreneur** is a person who organizes or manages an enterprise.

**Enzyme** is one of various proteins.

**Etiquette** is conventional requirements to social behavior.

**Eulogy** is a speech in praise of a dead person.

**Exacerbate** is to make something worse.

**Exchequer** is a treasury.

**Facade** is the front of a building.

**Farce** is a light, humorous play.

**Fatigue** is weariness from exertion.

**Faucet** is a device to control the flow of liquid.

**Feasible** is capable of being done.

**Feign** is to represent fictitiously.

**Feint** is a movement made to deceive an opponent.

**Fiery** is containing fire or impetuous.

**Fight** is a battle or combat.

**Finesse** is extreme delicacy or skill in performance.

**Finicky** means difficult to please.

**Flaunt** means to display oneself conspicuously.

**Fledgling** is a young bird or an inexperienced person.

**Floe** is a sheet of floating ice.

**Flour** is the finely ground meal of grain.

**Flourish** means to thrive.

**Flower** is the blossom of a plant.

**Flue** is a passage for smoke in a chimney.

**Foray** is a quick raid.

**Forbear** is to refrain or abstain from.

**Frappe** is a milkshake made with ice cream.

**Freight** is goods or cargo transported for pay.

**Fugue** is a composition in music.

**Furlough** is a leave of absence granted to an enlisted person.

**Gallop** is running or moving quickly.

**Gambol** means to skip about, as in dancing.

**Gauge** is to determine the capacity of or to measure.

**Geisha** is a Japanese woman trained as a singer or dancer.

**Gerbil** is a small, burrowing rodent.

**Gerund** is a verb functioning as a noun.

**Geyser** is a hot spring that sends up jets of water and steam.

**Gherkin** is the immature fruit of a cucumber, used in pickling.

**Ghoul** is an evil demon, a grave-robber.

**Giraffe** is a long-necked African animal.

**Glitch** is a defect or malfunction in a plan or machine.

**Glower** is to look or stare at with anger.

**Gnarl** is a knotty protuberance on a tree.

**Gnu or wildebeest** is a stocky, ox-like antelope.

**Goad** is a stick with a pointed end.

**Governor** is the chief executive of a state.

**Gorgeous** means splendid or magnificent.

**Gorilla** is the largest of the anthropoid apes.

**Gourmet** is a connoisseur of fine food and drink.  
**Graffiti** are markings on walls.  
**Grammar** is the study of the way sentences are constructed.  
**Grotesque** is odd or unnatural in appearance or shape.  
**Gruel** is a light, thin, cooked cereal.  
**Guild** is an organization of people with related interests.  
**Gypsum** is a common mineral.  
**Hackney** is a carriage or coach for hire.  
**Haggard** is having a wasted appearance.  
**Hallow** means to make holy.  
**Hallucinogen** is a substance that produces hallucinations.  
**Halve** is to divide into two equal parts.  
**Hangar** is a shelter for airplanes.  
**Harangue** is a scolding or intense verbal attack.  
**Harass** is to disturb persistently.  
**Harbinger** is a herald, or one who goes before.  
**Harlequin** is a buffoon.  
**Hassle** is a disorderly dispute.  
**Havoc** is great destruction or devastation.  
**Hearken** is to pay attention or listen to.  
**Hearth** is the floor of a fireplace.  
**Heifer** is a cow over one year old that has not produced a calf.  
**Height** is the extent or distance upward.  
**Helix** is a spiral.  
**Hemisphere** is half of the terrestrial globe.  
**Heresy** is opinion at odds with the accepted doctrine, esp church.  
**Hiatus** is a break in the action.  
**Hideous** is horrible or frightful.  
**Hindrance** is an impeding or a stopping.  
**Hippopotamus** is called the river horse, from Africa.  
**Hoax** is something intended to deceive or defraud.  
**Hobnob** is to associate on friendly terms.  
**Hodgepodge** means a jumble.  
**Homily** is a sermon, usually on a Biblical topic.  
**Honest** is honorable on intentions and principles.  
**Honeycomb** is a structure bees use to store honey, pollen and eggs.  
**Horizon** is the line that forms the apparent border between earth and sky.  
**Horrendous** is shockingly dreadful.  
**Humiliate** is to cause a loss of pride or dignity.  
**Humongous** means extraordinarily large.  
**Hurrah** is an exclamation of joy.  
**Hustle** is to proceed or work rapidly.  
**Hyacinth** is a plant of the lily family.  
**Hybrid** is the offspring of two different breeds or species.  
**Hygiene** is the science that deals with preservation of health.  
**Hymn** is a song in praise of God.  
**Hyperbole** is obvious exaggeration.  
**Hyphen** is a short line used to connect parts of compound word.  
**Hypocrisy** is pretending to something that one doesn't believe.  
**Icon** is a picture, image or other representation.  
**Illegible** is hard to read or decipher because of poor handwriting.  
**Illicit** is not legally permitted.  
**Illiteracy** is a lack of ability to read and write.  
**Imbecile** is a person having a mental age of seven or eight.  
**Impasse** is a deadlock.  
**Impede** is to retard in movement by means of obstacles.  
**Incense** is a substance producing sweet odor when burned, used in religious ceremonies to enhance a mood.  
**Incessant** means continuing without interruption.  
**Incite** is to stir, encourage or urge on.  
**Incognito** is to have one's identity concealed.  
**Indictment** is a formal accusation in a criminal case.  
**Inertia** is lack of motion, sluggishness.  
**Inevitable** is something that can't be avoided.  
**Inflammable** is capable of being set on fire.  
**Influenza** is a viral, acute, sometimes epidemic disease.  
**Innate** is existing in one from birth.  
**Innocence** is without sin, the state of being innocent.  
**Inquisition** is an official investigation, especially political or religious, without regard for individual rights.  
**Instinct** is an inborn pattern of activity or tendency to action.  
**Intercede** is to act in behalf of someone in difficulty.  
**Intravenous** means within a vein.  
**Invincible** is incapable of being conquered or defeated.

**Irritable** is easily irritated or annoyed.  
**Island** is land entirely surrounded by water.  
**Issue** is the act of sending out or putting forth.  
**Italicize** is to print in Italic type.  
**Jackknife** is a large pocketknife.  
**Jaguar** is the largest cat in the western hemisphere.  
**Jamb** is a vertical side of a doorway.  
**Janitor** is a person employed to keep things clean.  
**Jaundice** is a yellow discoloration of the skin or eyes.  
**Jealous** is feeling resentment against someone because of success of advantages.  
**Jeer** is to scoff at someone.  
**Jeopardy** is risk to loss, harm, death or injury.  
**Jinx** is someone supposed to bring bad luck.  
**Jostle** is to brush against, to push or shove.  
**Journal** is a daily record.  
**Judgmental** is involving the use of judgment.  
**Judicious** is discreet or prudent.  
**Juice** is the fluid that can be extracted from something.  
**Junction** is a place where things are joined.  
**Karate** is a method of self-defense.  
**Katydid** is a large, American grasshopper.  
**Kayak** is an Eskimo canoe.  
**Kerosene** is a mixture of hydrocarbons used as fuel, or cleaning material.  
**Kettle** is a metal container in which to cook foods.  
**Khaki** means dull yellowish brown.  
**Kidnapped** means being stolen, abducted or carried off by force.  
**Kiln** is an oven to fire pottery.  
**Kitchen** is a room or place equipped for cooking.  
**Kiwi** is a flightless bird of New Zealand.  
**Knack** is a special skill or aptitude.  
**Knead** is to work dough into a uniform mixture.  
**Knight** is a mounted soldier in the Middle Ages.  
**Knowledge** is acquaintance with facts, as from study or investigation.  
**Knuckle** is a joint of the finger.  
**Labor** is productive activity for the sake of economic gain.  
**Lacquer** is a protective coating.  
**Ladle** is a long-handled utensil used for dipping.  
**Lamb** is a young sheep.  
**Language** is a body of words common to a people.  
**Larceny** is the wrongful taking and carrying away of the personal goods of another with the intent to convert them to the taker's own use.  
**Laud** is to praise or extol.  
**Laugh** is to express pleasure audibly.  
**League** is a unit of distance, usually about 3 miles.  
**Lectern** is a stand with a slanted top, used to hold a speech or book, etc.  
**Lecture** is a speech read or delivered before an audience.  
**Legible** is capable of being read or deciphered with ease.  
**Leisure** is freedom from the demands of work.  
**Length** is the longest extent of something from end to end.  
**Leopard** is a large, spotted cat of Asia or Africa.  
**Lesion** is an injury; hurt; wound.  
**Levy** is an imposing or collecting, as a tax, by force or authority.  
**Liaison** is the contact maintained between groups to insure concerted action or cooperation.  
**Libelous** is maliciously defamatory.  
**Lieutenant** is a military rank.  
**Lightning** is a brilliant electric spark discharge.  
**Limousine** is a large, luxurious car, especially one driven by a chauffeur.  
**Liquor** is a distilled or spiritous beverage.  
**Loge in a theater** is the front section of the lowest balcony.  
**Lubricant** is a substance for lessening friction.  
**Lucid** means easily understood; completely understandable.  
**Luminous** is radiating or reflecting light.  
**Lyricist** is a person who writes the lyrics for a song.  
**Macabre** is gruesome and horrifying.  
**Macaroni** is a small tubular pasta.  
**Machete** is a large, heavy knife used to cut underbrush or sugar cane.  
**Magnificent** is making a splendid appearance or show.  
**Mahogany** is a tree or a reddish-brown color.  
**Maim** is to cripple.  
**Maintenance** is the act of keeping things in good order.  
**Malaria** is a disease characterized by chills or fever, caused by the bite of a mosquito.  
**Malice** is the desire to inflict harm on someone.  
**Malign** is to speak harmful untruths about.

**Malleable** is capable of being shaped by hammering or pressure.  
**Manacle** is a shackle for the hand; handcuffs.  
**Mantel** is a construction framing the opening of a fireplace.  
**Margarine** is a butter-like product made from refined vegetable oils.  
**Marina** is a boat basin offering dockage and other service for small craft.  
**Maroon** is a dark brownish-red.  
**Marriage** is the social institution under which a man and woman decide to live as husband and wife by legal commitments, religious ceremonies.  
**Martial** is inclined or disposed to war.  
**Martyr** is a person who suffers death rather than give up religion.  
**Massacre** is the unnecessary killing of human beings, as in a war.  
**Mauve** is a pale bluish purple.  
**Mayonnaise** is a thick dressing of different ingredients.  
**Maze** is a confusing network of intercommunication paths or passages.  
**Meager** is deficient in quantity or quality.  
**Mechanical** is having to do with machinery.  
**Mediocre** is of only ordinary or moderate quality.  
**Melancholy** is a gloomy state of mind.  
**Memoir** is a record written by a person based on personal observation.  
**Metaphor** is a figure of speech in which a term is applied to something to which it isn't literally applicable, as in a mighty fortress is our god.  
**Militia** is a body of citizens enrolled for military service, and called out periodically for drill.  
**Mirth** is amusement or laughter.  
**Miscellaneous** is of mixed character.  
**Mischievous** is maliciously or playfully annoying.  
**Miscue** is a mistake.  
**Miserable** is very unhappy, uneasy or uncomfortable.  
**Mistletoe** is a plant used in Christmas decorations.  
**Moccasin** is a heeless shoe made entirely of soft leather.  
**Moderator** is a person who presides over a discussion.  
**Modify** is to alter partially, to amend.  
**Molasses** is a thick syrup produced during the refining of sugar.  
**Monarch** is a hereditary sovereign.  
**Monitor** is a student appointed to assisted in the conduct of a class.  
**Monopoly** is exclusive control of a commodity of service in a particular market.  
**Morale** is emotional or mental condition with respect to confidence, especially in the face of hardship.  
**Mortgage** is a conveyance of an interest in property as security for the repayment of money borrowed.  
**Mosquito** is an insect that bites, some passing on certain diseases.  
**Mourn** is to feel or express sorrow or grief.  
**Muscle** is a tissue, the contraction of which produces movement.  
**Myriad** is a very great or indefinitely great number.  
**Myth** is a traditional or legendary story, usually concerning some being or hero, without a determinable basis of fact.  
**Naive** means unsophisticated or ingenuous.  
**Nasal** is of or pertaining to the nose.  
**Nausea** is sickness at the stomach, especially when loathing food.  
**Necessary** is being essential; indispensable.  
**Nectar** is the secretion of a plant, which attracts insects or birds that pollinate the flower.  
**Nephew** is a son of one's brother or sister.  
**Nestle** is to lie close and snug.  
**Nicotine** is an alkaloid found in tobacco and valued as an insecticide.  
**Noble** is distinguished by rank or title.  
**Nocturnal** is of or pertaining to the night.  
**Novice** is a person who is new to something.  
**Nurture** is to feed and protect.  
**Nutritious** is providing nourishment, especially to a high degree.  
**Obelisk** is a tapering, four-sided shaft of stone, with a pyramidal top.  
**Obese** means very fat or overweight.  
**Obituary** is the notice of the death of a person.  
**Obey** is to follow the directions of someone.  
**Oblique** means slanting; sloping.  
**Oblivious** means unaware of.  
**Obvious** is easily understood or recognizable.  
**Odious** is hateful or detestable.  
**Ogle** is to look at impertinently.  
**Omission** is the act of omitting.  
**Opaque** is not allowing light to pass through.  
**Operator** is a person who runs a machine, apparatus or the like.  
**Orator** is a public speaker.  
**Orchestra** is a group of performers on various musical instruments.  
**Orchid** is a flower of a plant of temperate and tropical regions.  
**Ordinance** is a decree or command.  
**Outweigh** is to exceed in value or influence.  
**Pact** is an agreement, covenant or compact.  
**Pageant** is an elaborate public spectacle.

**Palace** is the official residence of an exalted person.  
**Palate** is the roof of the mouth.  
**Pantry** is a room in which food is kept.  
**Papaya** is a large, yellow, melonlike fruit.  
**Paprika** is a red, powdery condiment.  
**Paraffin** is a substance used in candles or to waterproof paper.  
**Parallel** is extending in the same direction, but never converging.  
**Parcel** is a small package, a bundle.  
**Parfait** is a dessert of ice cream and fruit, or ice cream and syrup.  
**Partial** means incomplete.  
**Particle** is a tiny or very small bit.  
**Patience** is the quality of being patient.  
**Patio** is an area of a house used for outdoor lounging, dining, etc.  
**Paws** are the feet of an animal having claws.  
**Pedal** is a foot-operated lever used for various things.  
**Peddle** is to carry things from place to place for sale.  
**Pedestrian** is a person who goes on foot.  
**Peek** is to look or glance quickly or furtively.  
**Pension** is a fixed amount other than a salary paid to a person.  
**Perceive** is to become aware of.  
**Perceptive** is having or showing keenness of insight, understanding or intuition.  
**Perplex** is to cause to be puzzled over what is not understood.  
**Personnel** is a body of persons employed in an organization or place or work.  
**Perturb** is to disturb in mind; agitate.  
**Petite** means short or diminutive.  
**Phantom** is an apparition or specter.  
**Phase** is a stage in a process of change or development.  
**Phrase** is a series of words in grammatical construction and acting as a unit in a sentence.  
**Piccolo** is a small flute sounding an octave higher than an ordinary flute.  
**Pickle** is a cucumber that has been preserved in brine.  
**Piece** is a separate or limited quantity of something.  
**Pizza** is a flat, baked pie of Italian origin, with various ingredients and toppings.  
**Plague** is an epidemic disease that causes high mortality.  
**Plaque** is a tablet or plate of metal, intended for use as an ornament.  
**Plateau** is a land area having a relatively level surface considerably raised above adjoining land.  
**Plural** pertains to more than one.  
**Poise** is composure.  
**Policy** is a definite course of action.  
**Pollute** is to make foul or unclear.  
**Populace** is the common people of a nation.  
**Possess** is to have as belonging to one; to own.  
**Posterior** is situated behind or at the rear of.  
**Potency** is power or authority.  
**Precede** is to go before.  
**Precinct** is a district marked out for governmental purposes, or police protection.  
**Precious** is of high price or great value.  
**Principal** is first or highest in rank or importance.  
**Python** is a big constricting snake.  
**Quartz** is one of the most common minerals.  
**Quash** is to put down or suppress.  
**Queer** is strange or odd.  
**Quirk** is a peculiarity.  
**Raccoon** is an animal with a mask-like stripe across the eyes.  
**Racquetball** is a game similar to handball, but played with a racquet.  
**Raise** is to move to a higher position.  
**Ramble** is to wander around in an aimless manner.  
**Rapport** is relation or connection.  
**Rapture** is ecstatic joy or delight.  
**Ravine** is a narrow, steep-sided valley.  
**Razor** is an instrument used for shaving.  
**Reactor** is an apparatus in which a nuclear chain-reaction can be obtained.  
**Receipt** is a written acknowledgment of having received something.  
**Receive** is to take something into one's possession.  
**Recess** is a temporary withdrawal from work or activity.  
**Recite** is to repeat words from memory.  
**Recommend** is to present as worthy of confidence or acceptance.  
**Reduce** is to bring down to a smaller amount.  
**Refrigerator** is a container in which items are kept cool or cold.  
**Refugee** is a person who flees his country in time of upheaval or war.  
**Regular** is usual or normal.  
**Relieve** is to ease or alleviate pain, distress or anxiety.  
**Reservoir** is a place where water is collected or stored.

**Resign** is to give up an office or position.  
**Review** is going over a subject.  
**Rhyme** is a word agreeing with another word in terminal sound.  
**Rhythm** is movement with uniform recurrence of a beat or accent.  
**Ritual** is a prescribed or established procedure.  
**Routine** is a customary or usual procedure.  
**Rumor** is a story without confirmation or certainty as to facts.  
**Scene** is the place where some action or event occurs.  
**Scent** is a distinctive color.  
**Schedule** is a plan of procedure.  
**Scheme** is an underhand plot, intrigue.  
**Scholar** is a learned person.  
**Science** is a branch of knowledge or study.  
**Scissors** is a cutting instrument.  
**Seize** is to take hold of forcibly.  
**Shear** is to cut something.  
**Sheer** is transparently thin.  
**Shepherd** is a person who tends or guards sheep.  
**Sheriff** is the law-enforcement officer of a county.  
**Shield** is a piece of armor worn on the arm of defensive purposes.  
**Siege** is the act of surrounding and attacking a fortified place in such a way as to isolate it from aid or supplies.  
**Sigh** is to let out one's breath audibly.  
**Sight** is the power or faculty of seeing.  
**Sign** is a token or indication.  
**Sincere** is free of deceit or falseness.  
**Site** is the position or location of something.  
**Soccer** is football as it is played around the world.  
**Source** is anything from which something comes or arises.  
**Souvenir** is a usually inexpensive reminder of a place visited.  
**Spaghetti** is a white, starchy pasta of Italian origin.  
**Stationary** means standing still, not moving.  
**Stature** is the height of a human or animal body.  
**Straight** is without a bend or angle, not curved.  
**Strength** is the quality or state of being strong.  
**Successor** is a person or thing that succeeds or follows.  
**Suede** is kid or other leather finished with a soft, nappy surface.  
**Superintendent** is a person who oversees or directs some work.  
**Supervisor** is a person who supervises the work done by others.  
**Sword** is a weapon consisting of a blade and a hilt.  
**Tablespoonful** is the amount a tablespoon can hold.  
**Tabloid** is a newspaper whose pages are about half the size of a standard-sized newspaper.  
**Tackle** is equipment, apparatus or gear, especially for fishing.  
**Tailor** is a person who makes, mends or alters clothing.  
**Tale** is a narrative that relates details or some event or incident.  
**Talk** is to communicate by speaking.  
**Tantrum** is a violent demonstration of rage.  
**Tardy** means late.  
**Tattle** is to let out secrets.  
**Tattoo** is an indelible marking on the skin.  
**Tease** is to irritate or provoke.  
**Teethe** means to grow or cut teeth.  
**Telescope** is an instrument to make distant objects appear larger.  
**Tension** is the act of stretching or straining.  
**Terrace** is a raised level with a vertical or sloping front or sides.  
**Thaw** is to pass from a frozen to a liquid state.  
**Theme** is a subject of discourse or discussion.  
**Thief** is a person who steals.  
**Tight** is firmly or closely fixed in place.  
**Tissue** is as in tissue paper.  
**Toad** is an amphibian, a close relative of the frog.  
**Toast** is sliced bread that has been browned by heat.  
**Toboggan** is a long, narrow, flat-bottomed sled.  
**Tombstone** is a marker on a tomb or grave.  
**Tough** means strong and durable.  
**Trample** is to tread or stamp heavily.  
**Tricycle** is a three-wheeled vehicle for children.  
**Typewriter** is a machine to produce letters and characters on paper.  
**Ukulele** is a small, guitar-like instrument.  
**Unanswerable** is not capable of being answered.  
**Unconscious** means without awareness or cognition.  
**Vacuum** is a space entirely devoid of matter.  
**Vanilla** is as in the flavor.

**Villain** is a cruelly malicious person.

**Warranty** is assurance.

**Weigh** is to determine the force of gravity on an object by using a scale.

**Weird** is unearthly or uncanny.

**Wield** is to exercise power or authority.

**Yacht** is a private cruising vessel.

**Yolk** is the yellow substance of an egg.

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# Herald spelling bee word lists: INTERMEDIATE

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**Aardwolf** is a hyena-like animal of southern and eastern Africa.

**Aberration** is departing from the usual course.

**Abridgment** is a shortened form of a book.

**Abscission** is sudden termination.

**Acerbate** is to make sour or bitter.

**Aficionado** is a devotee of something.

**Algorithm** is a set of rules for solving a problem.

**Alignment** is arrangement in a straight line.

**Allocution** is a formal speech.

**Ancillary** is a subordinate or subsidiary.

**Apocalypse** is widespread destruction or disaster.

**Applique** is ornamentation applied to a material.

**Archetype** (arkitype) is the original model.

**Avenge** is to exact satisfaction for.

**Babushka** is a woman's scarf.

**Baccalaureate** is a religious service held before commencement day.

**Balalaika** is a Russian musical instrument.

**Baroque** pertains to architecture and art from 17th century Italy.

**Barracuda** is a long, predaceous fish.

**Bayou** is a marshy arm of a river, usually sluggish or stagnant.

**Beleaguer** is to surround with troubles.

**Belligerence** is a hostile attitude.

**Beret** is a soft, visorless cap.

**Bivouac** is a military encampment.

**Blithe** is joyous, glad or cheerful.

**Boatswain** is a warrant officer on a warship.

**Bourgeois** is to be a member of the middle class.

**Boutique** is a small shop within a larger store.

**Boutonniere** is a flower worn by a man in his lapel.

**Boysenberry** is a blackberry-like fruit.

**Buoy** is a float used to mark a water channel.

**Cabaret** is a restaurant providing food, drink and music.

**Calisthenics** are gymnastic exercises.

**Callous** is hard or indifferent.

**Camouflage** is hiding oneself from one's enemy.

**Cannoneer** is an artilleryman.

**Cantankerous** is disagreeable to deal with.

**Cardiopulmonary** pertaining to the heart and lungs.

**Carnivorous** means flesh-eating.

**Catastrophe** is a sudden and widespread disaster.

**Celerity** is swiftness, speed.

**Censer** a container in which incense is burned.  
**Changeable** is liable to change or to be changed.  
**Chaparral** is a dense growth of shrubs or trees (southwest).  
**Commemorate** is to serve as a reminder of.  
**Committal** is an act or instance of committing.  
**Connoisseur** is a person competent to pass critical judgment.  
**Convalescence** is the gradual recovery to health after illness.  
**Cornucopia** is the horn of plenty in mythology.  
**Corruptible** is that which can be corrupted.  
**Crevasse** is a fissure in ice or the earth.  
**Croissant** is a rich, buttery crescent-shaped roll.  
**Curmudgeon** is a bad-tempered, cantankerous person.  
**Cynic** is a person who believes in selfishness as prime motivation.  
**Dachshund** is a long, German dog.  
**Decaffeinate** is to extract caffeine from.  
**Deliverance** is an act or instance of delivering.  
**Denouement** is the final resolution of the intricacies of a plot.  
**Diaphragm** is a part of the human body.  
**Dichotomy** is division into two parts.  
**Dietitian** is a person who is an expert on nutrition.  
**Diphthong** is an unsegmented gliding speech sound  
**Docile** is easily handled or manageable.  
**Echo** is a repetition of sound produced by reflection of sound waves.  
**Eclair** is a finger-shaped cream puff.  
**Eczema** is an inflammatory condition of the skin.  
**Effervescent** is bubbling, vivacious or gay.  
**Eloquence** is using language with fluency and aptness.  
**Encumbrance** is something burdensome.  
**Exquisite** is of special beauty or charm.  
**Extemporaneous** is done without special preparation.  
**Facsimile** is an exact copy.  
**Fallacious** means logically unsound.  
**Fascinate** is to attract and hold attentively.  
**Fauna** are the animals of a region considered as a whole.  
**Flocculent** is like a clump of wool.  
**Foliage** is the leaves of a plant.  
**Forage** is food for cattle or horses.  
**Forsythia** is a shrub of the olive family.  
**Fraught** means full of or accompanied by.  
**Fuchsia** is a bright, purplish-red color.  
**Gauche** means lacking in social grace.  
**Genre** is a class of artistic endeavor having a particular form.  
**Germane** means relevant.  
**Gerrymander** is dividing election districts to suit one group or party.  
**Glockenspiel** is a musical instrument.  
**Gnash** is to grind or strike the teeth together.  
**Granary** is a storehouse for grain.  
**Grippe** is the former name for influenza.  
**Guillotine** a device for execution.  
**Hallelujah** means praise ye the Lord.  
**Handwrought** is formed or shaped by hand, esp. metal objects.  
**Harebrained** means giddy or reckless.  
**Harpsichord** is a keyboard instrument, precursor of the

piano.

**Haughty** is disdainfully proud.

**Heir** is a person who inherits.

**Hemorrhage** is a profuse discharge of blood.

**Heterogeneous** is different in kind, unlike.

**Hoard** is a supply that is carefully guarded or hidden.

**Holocaust** is a great or complete destruction.

**Homogenize** is to form by blending unlike elements.

**Homonym** is a word the same in spelling and sound, but different in meaning.

**Horde** is a large group, a multitude.

**Humoresque** is a musical composition of humorous character.

**Hydraulic** is employing water or other liquids in motion.

**Hydrolysis** is chemical decomposition by reacting with water.

**Hypothesis** is a proposition set forth to explain some occurrence.

**Hysterical** is of or pertaining to hysteria.

**Idyll** is a composition, usually describing pastoral scenes or any appealing incident, or the like.

**Iguana** is a large lizard native to Central and South America.

**Imperceptible** is very slight, gradual or subtle.

**Impetuous** is characterized by sudden or rash action.

**Impossible** means not possible or unable to be done.

**Impromptu** means done without previous preparation.

**Incidence** means the rate of change or occurrence.

**Indicator** is a person or thing that indicates.

**Infallible** is absolutely trustworthy or sure.

**Inferior** is lower in station, rank or degree.

**Insurgence** is an act of rebellion.

**Interfere** is to meddle in the affairs of others.

**Invoice** is an itemized bill for goods or services.

**Iridescent** is displaying a play of bright colors, like a rainbow.

**Isle** is a small island.

**Isthmus** is a narrow strip of land with water on both sides, connecting two larger strips of land.

**Jackal** is a wild dog of Asia and Africa.

**Jacuzzi** is a trade name for a whirlpool bath and related products.

**Joist** is a beam used to support ceilings or floors or the like.

**Juxtaposition** is the act of placing close together.

**Kaiser** is a German or Austrian emperor.

**Kaleidoscope** is a continually shifting pattern or scene.

**Ketch** is a two-masted sailing vessel.

**Knave** is an unprincipled or dishonest person.

**Knell** is the sound made by a bell rung slowly, at a death.

**Knoll** is a small, rounded hill.

**Labyrinth** is an intricate combination of paths in which it is difficult to find the exit.

**Laconic** is using few words, being concise.

**Laggard** is a lingerer; loiterer.

**Lagoon** is an area of shallow water separated from the sea by sandy dunes.

**Laryngitis** is the inflammation of the larynx.

**Larynx** is the structure in which the vocal cords are located.

**Lavender** is a pale bluish purple.

**Legionnaire** is a member of any legion.

**Leprechaun** is a dwarf or sprite in Ireland.

**Liege** is a Feudal lord entitled to allegiance or service.

**Luau** is a feast of Hawaiian food.  
**Luscious** is highly pleasing to the taste or smell.  
**Lyre** is a musical instrument of ancient Greece, harp-like.  
**Lymphatic** is pertaining to, containing or conveying lymph.  
**Mace** is a club-like, armor-breaking weapon, used in the Middle Ages.  
**Magnanimous** is generous in forgiving insult or injury.  
**Magnify** is to increase the apparent size of, as does a lens.  
**Malfeasance** is wrongdoing by a public official.  
**Maneuver** is a planned movement of troops or warships, etc.  
**Mantle** is a loose, sleeveless cloak or cape.  
**Marquee** is a projection above a theater entrance, usually containing the name of the feature at the theater.  
**Masquerade** is a party of people wearing masks and other disguises.  
**Mature** is complete in natural growth or development.  
**Maul** is a heavy hammer.  
**Melee** is a confused, hand-to-hand fight among several people.  
**Memento** is a keepsake or souvenir.  
**Mercenary** is working or acting merely for money or reward.  
**Mesquite** is a spiny tree found in western North America.  
**Mettle** is courage or fortitude.  
**Minuscule** means very small.  
**Mirage** is something illusory, without substance or reality.  
**Momentous** is of great or far-reaching importance.  
**Monastery** is a house occupied by usually monks.  
**Monocle** is an eyeglass for one eye.  
**Morgue** is a place in which bodies are kept.  
**Morphine** is a narcotic used as a pain-killer or sedative.  
**Mosque** is a Muslim temple or place of public worship.  
**Motif** is a recurring subject, theme or idea.  
**Mousse** is a sweetened dessert with whipped cream as a base.  
**Mozzarella** is a mild, white, semi-soft Italian cheese.  
**Muenster** is a white cheese made from whole milk.  
**Municipal** is of or pertaining to a town or city or its government.  
**Mysterious** is full of or involving mystery.  
**Mystique** is an aura of mystery or mystical power surrounding a particular occupation or pursuit.  
**Naughty** means disobedient or mischievous.  
**Neuter** is gender that is neither masculine nor feminine.  
**Nickel** is a coin of the U.S., 20 of which make a dollar.  
**Nickelodeon** is an early motion-picture theater.  
**Nomenclature** are names or terms comprising a set or system.  
**Nonchalant** is coolly unconcerned, unexcited.  
**Nonpareil** is having no equal.  
**Noxious** is harmful or injurious to health.  
**Nuance** is a subtle difference in meaning.  
**Nucleus** is the core.  
**Nuisance** is an obnoxious or annoying person.  
**Nuptial** is of or pertaining to marriage or the ceremony.  
**Nylons** are stockings worn by women.  
**Obnoxious** is highly objectionable or offensive.  
**Obsolescent** means passing out of use, as a word.  
**Occurrence** is the action, fact or instance of happening.  
**Ocelot** is a spotted, leopard-like cat, ranging from Texas to

South America.

**Ogre** is a monster in fairy tales.

**Onyx** is black.

**Ophthalmology** is the branch of medicine dealing with anatomy, functions and diseases of the eye.

**Ordnance** is cannon or artillery.

**Orphan** is a child who has lost both parents through death.

**Oscillate** is to swing or move to and fro, as a pendulum.

**Overwrought** is extremely excited or agitated.

**Oxygen** is the element constituting about one-fifth of the atmosphere.

**Pacifist** is a person who is opposed to war or to violence of any kind.

**Palette** is a board with a thumb hole, used by painters to mix colors.

**Palomino** is a horse with a golden coat, and a white mane and tail.

**Pamphlet** is a short essay, generally controversial, on some subject of contemporary interest.

**Pantomime** is the art of conveying things through gestures, without speech.

**Papacy** is the office, dignity or jurisdiction of the pope.

**Parable** is a short story designed to illustrate some truth.

**Paralysis** is a loss of movement in a body part, caused by disease or injury.

**Paraphernalia** is apparatus necessary for a particular activity.

**Parishioner** is one of the inhabitants of a parish.

**Parochial** is of or pertaining to a parish or parishes.

**Parody** is a humorous imitation of a serious piece of literature.

**Parquet** is a floor composed of strips or blocks of wood forming a pattern.

**Partition** is a division into portions or shares.

**Pasture** is grass used to feed livestock.

**Patriarch** is the male head of a family or tribal line.

**Patrician** is a person of noble rank; an aristocrat.

**Paunchy** is having a large and protruding belly.

**Pause** is a temporary stop or rest.

**Pavilion** is a building used for shelter, concerts, or exhibits.

**Peak** is the pointed top of a mountain.

**Penchant** is a strong inclination or liking for something.

**Penguin** is a flightless bird of the Southern Hemisphere.

**Penicillin** is an antibiotic of low toxicity.

**Penitentiary** is a prison maintained for serious offenders.

**Perennial** is lasting for a long time; enduring.

**Periphery** is the external boundary of any area.

**Perjury** is lying under oath.

**Perseverance** is doggedness, steadfastness.

**Persuade** is to prevail on a person to do something.

**Peruse** is to read through with care.

**Pesticide** is a chemical preparation to destroy pests.

**Petition** is a formally drawn request.

**Phalanx** is a body of troops in close array.

**Phenomenon** is a fact or occurrence observed or observable.

**Philosopher** is one who offers views on profound subjects.

**Phoenix** is a mythical bird able to rise from its own ashes.

**Physics** is the science that deals with matter, energy, motion and force.

**Picturesque** is visually charming or quaint.

**Peace** is a country's condition when not involved in war.  
**Pinnacle** is a lofty peak.  
**Pinafore** is a child's apron.  
**Pixie** is a fairy or sprite, especially a mischievous one.  
**Placard** is a paperboard sign or notice.  
**Placebo** is a pill with no medicine but used to soothe a patient.  
**Plaid** is any fabric woven of differently colored yarns in a cross-barred pattern.  
**Plight** is a condition or situation especially an unfavorable one.  
**Plumber** is a person who installs and repairs piping, fixtures, etc.  
**Pneumonia** is inflammation of the lungs with congestion.  
**Poignant** is keenly distressing to the feelings.  
**Poinsettia** is sometimes called the Christmas flower.  
**Politicize** is to bring a political flavor to.  
**Populous** means heavily populated.  
**Porridge** is a food made of cereal, boiled to a thick consistency in water or milk.  
**Posse** is a force armed with legal authority.  
**Posthumous** is arising, occurring, or continuing after one's death.  
**Potpourri** is any mixture of unrelated objects, subjects, etc.  
**Practitioner** is a person engaged in the practice of a profession or occupation.  
**Prairie** is a tract of grassland; a meadow.  
**Precise** is definitely or strictly stated.  
**Prerogative** is an exclusive right or privilege.  
**Prestigious** is having a high reputation.  
**Prey** is an animal hunted or seized for food.  
**Principle** is an accepted or professed rule of action or conduct.  
**Pronunciation** is an accepted standard of the sound and stress patterns of a syllable or word.  
**Psalm** is a sacred song or hymn.  
**Psychology** is the science of the mind or of mental states and processes.  
**Purge** is to cleanse or to purify.  
**Quaff** is to drink a beverage.  
**Quandary** is a state of uncertainty.  
**Quarantine** is a strict isolation.  
**Questionnaire** is a list of questions submitted for replies.  
**Queue** is a braid of hair or a line of people.  
**Quiche** is a dish with cheeses and other vegetables.  
**Quintessence** is the pure and concentrated essence of a substance.  
**Rabble** is a disorderly crowd; mob.  
**Raffle** is a form of a lottery.  
**Rambunctious** is difficult to control or handle.  
**Rancid** is having an unpleasant smell or taste.  
**Raspberry** is the fruit of a shrub.  
**Ratchet** is a tool.  
**Rationale** is the fundamental reason serving to account for something.  
**Recede** means to go or move away.  
**Recluse** is a person who lives apart or in seclusion.  
**Reconnaissance** is the act of reconnoitering.  
**Rectify** is to make or set right.  
**Recurrence** is an act of something happening again.  
**Reggae** is a style of Jamaican popular music.

**Rehearse** is to practice.  
**Reign** is the period during which a sovereign sits on a throne.  
**Rein** is the leather strap used to control a horse.  
**Remembrance** is a memory.  
**Reminiscence** is the process of recalling experiences.  
**Requisition** is the act of requiring or demanding.  
**Rescind** is to annul or repeal.  
**Respondent** is a person who responds or makes replies.  
**Resume** is a summing up, a summary.  
**Resurrection** is the act of rising from the dead.  
**Revise** is to amend or alter.  
**Rhapsodic** is ecstatic or extravagantly enthusiastic.  
**Rhetoric** is bombast or the undue use of exaggeration or display.  
**Rhubarb** is a plant of the buckwheat family.  
**Right** is in accordance with what is good or just.  
**Rigor** is strictness, severity or hardness.  
**Rotor** is a rotating part of a machine.  
**Rouge** is any of various red cosmetics for cheek and lips.  
**Roulette** is a game of chance.  
**Rubella** is a disease also called German measles.  
**Sable** is an Old World weasel-like animal.  
**Sachet** is a small bag containing perfuming powder or the like.  
**Sacrilegious** is pertaining to the violation of anything sacred.  
**Saffron** is a crocus having showy, purple flowers.  
**Salutatorian** is the person ranking second in the graduating class.  
**Sanctimonious** is making a hypocritical show of religious devotion.  
**Sapphire** is a gem with a blue color.  
**Sarcasm** is harsh or bitter derision or irony.  
**Satellite** is a body that revolves around a planet, a moon.  
**Sauerkraut** is cabbage allowed to ferment until sour.  
**Sauna** is a bath that uses dry heat to induce perspiration.  
**Scandalous** is disgraceful or shocking behavior.  
**Scarab** is a beetle regarded as sacred by the ancient Egyptians.  
**Scenario** is the outline of a plot of a dramatic work.  
**Scepter** is a rod held as an emblem of regal or imperial power.  
**Schizophrenia** is a severe mental disorder.  
**Schnauzer** is a German breed of medium-sized dogs.  
**Sciatic** is pertaining to the back of the hip.  
**Scour** is to remove dirt by hard scrubbing.  
**Scourge** is a cause of affliction or calamity.  
**Scrod** is a young Atlantic codfish or haddock.  
**Scruple** is a moral standard that acts as a restraining force.  
**Sculptor** is a person who practices the art of sculpture.  
**Seance** is a meeting in which people try to communicate with spirits.  
**Seclude** is to withdraw into solitude.  
**Seine** is a fishing net.  
**Semaphore** is an apparatus for conveying visual signals.  
**Sensuous** means pertaining to or affecting the senses.  
**Separate** means to keep apart or divide.  
**Sepulcher** is a tomb, grave or burial place.  
**Sequoia** is a large tree, aka redwood.  
**Sergeant** is a noncommissioned officer above the rank of

corporal.

**Serial** is anything published in short installments at regular intervals.

**Sew** is to join or attach by stitches.

**Shackle** is something used to secure the wrist, leg, etc.

**Sheathe** is to put a sword into a sheath.

**Sheen** is luster, brightness, radiance.

**Shrew** is a woman of violent temper and speech.

**Shroud** is a cloth or sheet in which a corpse is wrapped for burial.

**Sierra** is a chain of hills or mountains, the peaks of which suggest the teeth of a saw.

**Silhouette** is a two-dimensional representation of the outline of an object.

**Simile** is a figure of speech in which two unlike things are compared, as in she is like a rose.

**Simultaneous** is occurring or operating at the same time.

**Singe** is to burn slightly, to scorch.

**Siphon** is a tube bent into legs of unequal length, for getting liquid from one container to another.

**Skeptic** is a person who questions the validity of something.

**Skew** is to turn aside or swerve.

**Slaughter** is the killing of cattle, etc., for food.

**Sleigh** is a vehicle on runners, especially used over snow or ice.

**Sleight** is skill or dexterity.

**Sleuth** is a detective.

**Slough (sloo)** is an area of soft, muddy ground.

**Sojourn** is a temporary stay.

**Solder** is an alloy fused and applied to the joint between metal objects to unite them.

**Solemn** is grave or sober or mirthless.

**Sovereign** is a monarch or a king.

**Spasm** is a sudden involuntary muscular contraction.

**Specter** is a ghost, phantom or apparition.

**Sponsor** is a person who vouches for or is responsible for a person.

**Squabble** is to engage in a petty quarrel.

**Squeak** is a short, sharp, shrill cry.

**Squint** is to look with the eyes partly closed.

**Stationery** is writing paper.

**Stimulus** is something that incites to action or exertion.

**Strait** is a narrow passage of water between 2 larger bodies of water.

**Straitjacket** is a garment made of strong material and designed to bind the arms.

**Stroganoff** is a dish of meat sauteed with onions and cooked in a sauce of sour cream.

**Suave** is smoothly agreeable or polite.

**Subpoena** is the usual writ for the summoning of witnesses.

**Subtle** is thin, tenuous or delicate in meaning.

**Succinct** means expressed in few words, concise, terse.

**Sufficiency** is adequacy.

**Suite** is a number of things forming a set.

**Supersede** is to replace in power, or acceptance.

**Supposition** is something that is supposed; assumption.

**Surety** is security against loss or damage.

**Surrey** is a light carriage for four persons.

**Surrogate** is a person appointed to act for another; a deputy.

**Surveillance** is a watch kept over a person or group.



**Swerve** is to turn aside abruptly.  
**Symposium** is a meeting to discuss some subject.  
**Synod** is an assembly of church delegates.  
**Synonym** is a word having nearly the same meaning as another.  
**Syntax** is the study of the rules for the formation of grammatical sentences in a language.  
**Tabernacle** is a place or house of worship.  
**Tableau** is a picture of a scene.  
**Tabular** means arranged into a table.  
**Tachometer** is a machine to measure velocity or speed.  
**Tacky** is not tasteful or fashionable.  
**Tact** is a sense of what to say without raising offense.  
**Taffy** is a chewy candy.  
**Tail** is the hindmost part of an animal.  
**Taint** is a trace of something bad or harmful.  
**Tally** is an account or reckoning.  
**Tambourine** is a small drum consisting of a circular frame with skin stretched over it and several pairs of metal jingles attached.  
**Tandem** is one following or behind the other.  
**Tangible** is capable of being touched.  
**Tantalize** means to torment with.  
**Tapestry** is a fabric used for wall hangings or furniture coverings.  
**Tassel** is an ornament consisting of a bunch of threads hanging from a round knob, used on clothing or jewelry.  
**Taught** is the past participle of teach.  
**Taunt** means to mock.  
**Tawdry** means showy or cheap.  
**Tea** is something to drink.  
**Tee** is a golfer's aid.  
**Technique** is the manner in which the technical skills of a particular art or field of endeavor are used.  
**Tedious** means long and tiresome.  
**Teeter** means to move unsteadily.  
**Telegraph** is an apparatus to send messages to a distant place.  
**Telepathy** is communication between minds.  
**Telephone** is an apparatus to send sound to distances.  
**Temblor** is a tremor; earthquake.  
**Tempt** means to entice or allure to do something often considered wrong.  
**Tenor** is the meaning that runs through something written or spoken.  
**Tense** is stretched tight; high-strung or nervous.  
**Terrain** is a tract of land.  
**Terse** is neatly or effectively concise; brief and pithy.  
**Tetanus** is a disease, commonly called lockjaw.  
**Thatch** is a material used to cover roofs.  
**Thermometer** is a device for measuring temperature.  
**Thesaurus** is a dictionary of synonyms and antonyms.  
**Thesis** is a proposition put forth to be considered.  
**Thigh** is between the hip and the knee.  
**Thimble** is a small cap, worn over the fingertip to protect it when pushing a needle through a cloth in sewing.  
**Third** is next after the second.  
**Thistle** is a prickly plant.  
**Thorough** is executed without negligence or omissions.  
**Thumb** is the short, thick inner digit of the human hand.  
**Tier** is one of a series of rows rising one behind or above

another.

**Tinsel** is a glittering, metallic substance, usually in strips.

**Titanic** meaning gigantic.

**Titlist** is a titleholder, champion.

**Tobacco** is the plant used in making cigarettes.

**Tongue** is the movable organ in the mouth of humans.

**Tonsillectomy** is the operation removing one or both tonsils.

**Topaz** is a mineral used as a gem.

**Torque** is something that produces rotation.

**Tout** is to solicit business.

**Toxicity** is the degree of being poisonous.

**Traceable** is capable of being traced.

**Trachea** is the windpipe.

**Trait** is a distinguishing characteristic or quality.

**Tranquil** is calm or peaceful.

**Transcend** is to rise above or go beyond.

**Transient** means not lasting or enduring.

**Translucent** is letting pass through, but not clearly.

**Trapeze** is an apparatus consisting of a horizontal bar attached to two suspending ropes.

**Trauma** is a body wound or shock produced by sudden physical injury.

**Trestle** is a type of frame, used in railroad spans.

**Trichotomy** means divided into three parts.

**Trivial** means of little significance or importance.

**Trough** is a receptacle, usually for drinking from.

**Troupe** is a group of actors or performers, esp. travelers.

**Truancy** is the act of being truant or late.

**Tyrannize** is to exercise absolute control or power.

**Ulcer** is a sore on the skin.

**Uncollectible** means it can't be collected.

**Unkempt** is disheveled or messy.

**Vaccinal** pertaining to vaccine or vaccination.

**Vague** is not clearly expressed or identified.

**Vaudeville** is a theatrical entertainment.

**Vehemence** meaning ardor or fervor.

**Veneer** is a thin layer of wood.

**Vengeance** means violent revenge or getting back.

**Vermicelli** is a form of pasta.

**Victuals** are food supplies.

**Viscount** is a nobleman just below an earl or count.

**Vogue** means something in fashion.

**Vying** is competing or contending.

**Waive** is to give up or to forgo.

**Whack** is to strike with a sharp blow or blows.

**Wheelwright** is a person whose trade is to make wheels.

**Wherever** is in, at or to whatever place.

**Wince** is to draw back or tense the body.

**Wrack** is wreck or wreckage.

**Wreak** to inflict or execute as punishment or vengeance.

**Wren** is a small, active songbird.

**Yeoman** is a petty officer in a navy.

**Zeppelin** is a rigid airship or dirigible.

**Zoological** is of or pertaining to zoology.

**Zucchini** is a variety of summer squash.

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**Abaciscus** is a small abacus.

**Abatjour** is a device, as a skylight, for diverting light into buildings.

**Abattoir** is a slaughterhouse.

**Abecedarian** is a person who is learning the letters of the alphabet.

**Abeyant** means temporarily suspended.

**Absorbefacient** means causing absorption.

**Acaulescent** means either stemless or without a visible stem.

**Accoucheur** is a person who assists during childbirth.

**Acquiesce** means to comply or submit.

**Aerogramme** is a pre-stamped, lightweight paper that folds into its own envelope.

**Affenpinscher** is a breed of dog with wiry hair.

**Afrikaans** is an official language of South Africa.

**Ageusia** is the loss of the sense of taste.

**Albescent** means to become whitish.

**Alette** (*ahleet*) is a small wing of a building.

**Amethyst** is a purple quartz, used as a gem.

**Amphitheater** is an oval or round building with an open central area.

**Ampullaceous** means bottle-shaped.

**Anathematize** means to denounce or to curse.

**Androgynous** means being both male and female.

**Ankh** is an Egyptian cross used as a symbol of enduring life.

**Anopheles** is a malaria-causing mosquito.

**Apartheid** a rigid policy of segregation in South Africa.

**Appaloosa** is a hardy breed of riding horse.

**Aqueous** is of or pertaining to water, watery.

**Armoire** is a large wardrobe or movable cupboard.

**Arrhythmia** is any interruption in the heartbeat.

**Ascetic** is a person who practices self-denial for religious reasons.

**Aurochs** is a black European wild ox, extinct since 1627.

**Autocephalous** is a bishop subordinate to no superior authority.

**Avuncular** pertains to an uncle.

**Azimuth** is the angle of horizontal deviation of a bearing from a standard direction.

**Babiche** is a thong used in making snowshoes.

**Bacchanal** is a drunken revelry.

**Bacciferous** means bearing or producing berries.

**Badinage** is light, playful banter.

**Bagatelle** is something of little value.  
**Bagheera** is a velvet used to make evening wear and wraps.  
**Baize** is a felt used on tops of billiard tables.  
**Baksheesh** is a tip or gratuity \_ used in the Middle East.  
**Banquette** is a long bench with an upholstered seat.  
**Bassarisk** is a carnivorous mammal.  
**Bdellium** is a resin obtained from plants (dellium).  
**Bellwether** is someone who assumes leadership.  
**Beneficence** is the doing of good.  
**Beriberi** is a disease caused by a vitamin B1 deficiency.  
**Beryllium** is a hard, light metallic element.  
**Bight** is the middle part of a rope.  
**Bludgeon** is a short, heavy club with one heavier end.  
**Boudoir** is a woman's private sitting room.  
**Bouffant** means puffed out, as in a teased hairdo.  
**Brooch** is a clasp or ornament.  
**Bucolic** is of or pertaining to shepherds.  
**Bumbershoot** is a name for an umbrella.  
**Cacophony** is a harsh discordance of sound.  
**Caique** is a single-masted sailing vessel (Mediterranean).  
**Caliph** is a spiritual leader of Islam.  
**Cantle** is the hind part of a saddle.  
**Carillon** is a set of bells sounded by manual or pedal action.  
**Carrefour** (*carrefour*) is a crossroads, a road junction.  
**Cartouche** a surface for receiving a painted decoration.  
**Casque** is an open conical helmet with a nose guard (medieval).  
**Catafalque** is a raised structure on which the body of a dead person lies.  
**Catarrh** an inflammation of a mucous membrane.  
**Caterwaul** is to utter long wailing cries, as a cat.  
**Cauterize** is to burn for curative purposes.  
**Cayuse** is an Indian pony.  
**Ceraceous** is waxlike or waxy.  
**Chancre** is the initial lesion of infectious diseases.  
**Chattel** is a movable item of personal property.  
**Chlorofluorocarbon** is a substance blamed for the hole in the ozone layer.  
**Cirrhosis** is a disease of the liver.  
**Claque** a group of people hired to applaud an act or performer.  
**Colonnade** a series of regularly spaced columns.  
**Contemn** means to treat with disdain or scorn.  
**Continuum** is a continuous extent, series or whole.  
**Convivial** means friendly or agreeable.  
**Copacetic** means fine, completely satisfactory.  
**Corporeity** is materiality.  
**Cuirass** (*kwirass*) is defensive armor for the torso.  
**Culottes** are women's trousers, usually knee or calf-length.  
**Dahlia** is a flower.  
**Daguerreotype** is an obsolete photographic process.  
**Deign** to think fit or to condescend.  
**Demagoguery** are methods or practices of a demagogue.  
**Demesne** is possession of land as one's own.  
**Demitasse** is a small cup for serving strong black coffee.  
**Desiccate** is to dry thoroughly.  
**Dhow** is a sailing vessel used by Arabs.  
**Diaphanous** means very sheer and light.  
**Dilettante** is a person who takes up an occupation as an amusement.  
**Dinghy** is a small boat designed as a lifeboat.

**Dispossess** is to put a person out of a possession, esp. property.

**Dormouse** is a small rodent resembling a small squirrel.

**Doubloon** is a former gold coin of Spain.

**Dysentery** is an infectious disease.

**Eceru** is a very light brown.

**Edelweiss** is a small plant growing in the Alps.

**Egregious** is extraordinary in some bad way.

**Emphysema** is an irreversible disease of the lungs.

**Ephemeral** is lasting a very short time.

**Epiphany** is a Christian festival.

**Equestrienne** is a woman who rides horses.

**Ersatz** means serving as a substitute.

**Escutcheon** is a shield on which a coat of arms is depicted.

**Euchre** is a game of cards.

**Eviscerate** is to disembowel.

**Exsiccate** is to remove the moisture from.

**Facetious** means not to be taken seriously.

**Fasciation** is the act of bandaging.

**Fiefdom** is the estate of a feudal lord.

**Finagle** is to cheat or swindle someone.

**Fizgig** is a firework that makes a hissing sound.

**Flaccid** means soft and limp.

**Fluxion** is an act of flowing.

**Formaldehyde** is a colorless, toxic gas.

**Frankincense** is an aromatic gum resin used as incense.

**Fricassee** is meat browned, stewed and served in its own sauce.

**Frieze** is a decorative band on an outside wall.

**Fulsome** means offensive to good taste.

**Fusillade** is a simultaneous discharge of firearms.

**Gabardine** is a firm, tightly woven fabric.

**Gallimaufry** is a hodgepodge, a jumble.

**Garrote** is a method of capital punishment.

**Gesundheit** is used to wish good health after a sneeze.

**Gewgaw** is a trinket or bauble.

**Ghillie** is a low-cut, tongueless shoe.

**Glaucous** means becoming a light bluish-green.

**Glyph** is a pictograph or hieroglyph.

**Gneiss** is a metamorphic rock.

**Gnome** is a small being that guards the interior treasures of earth.

**Gnosis** is knowledge of spiritual matters.

**Godet** is a triangular piece of fabric inserted to give fullness.

**Golliwogg** is a grotesque person.

**Grandiloquence** is a speech that is lofty, often to being pompous.

**Guillemot** is a seabird of Northern waters.

**Gyve** is a shackle for the leg.

**Habiliments** is clothing.

**Hackamore** is a simple, looped bridle for a horse.

**Halcyon** means calm or peaceful.

**Halophyte** is a plant that thrives in saline soil.

**Handbreadth** is a unit of linear measure.

**Hartebeest** is a large African antelope.

**Hegemony** is leadership or predominant influence by one nation.

**Hematozoon** is a parasitic protozoan that lives in the blood.

**Herbage** (*erbij*) nonwoody vegetation.

**Hierarchy** is a system of things ranked above each other.

**Hieroglyphic** is the pictograph type of script used by Egypt.

**Hirsute** is hairy or shaggy.

**Histrionic** is of or pertaining to actors or acting.

**Hoatzin** is a blue-faced bird of the Amazon forests.

**Hootenanny** is a social gathering featuring folk singing.

**Horripilation** is also known as goose flesh or goose bumps.

**Howdah** is a seat placed on the back of an elephant.

**Hoyden** is another name for a tomboy.

**Hydrangea** is a plant with showy flower clusters.

**Hydrofluoric** is of or derived from hydrofluoric acid.

**Hyena** is a doglike carnivore of Africa.

**Hyperpyrexia** is an abnormally high fever.

**Hypnotize** is to put into the hypnotic state.

**Hypotenuse** is the side of a right triangle opposite the right angle.

**Ichneumon** (*iknoomen*) is also called the African mongoose.

**Ichthyophagist** is a person who subsists on fish.

**Idiosyncrasy** is a characteristic or habit peculiar to an individual, incident, or the like.

**Impeccable** is faultless or flawless.

**Imprecise** means not precise or exact.

**Incise** (*insize*) means to cut into.

**Indubitable** is something that can't be doubted.

**Inexorable** is unyielding or unalterable.

**Ingurgitate** is to swallow greedily.

**Iniquitous** is wicked, sinful.

**Innuendo** is an indirect intimation about a person or thing, usually of a derogatory nature.

**Inscrutable** is incapable of being investigated or analyzed.

**Insomnolence** is sleeplessness.

**Intermezzo** is a short musical entertainment, between the acts of a drama or opera.

**Interregnum** is the time between the close of reign and the beginning of the next.

**Intransigent** is refusing to agree or compromise.

**Inveigle** is to entice by flattery or artful talk.

**Inveigh** is to protest strongly or attack vehemently with words.

**Irascible** is easily provoked to anger.

**Jalousie** is a window made of glass slats.

**Jambalaya** is a dish of Creole origin.

**Jocose** is given to joking or jesting.

**Juvenescent** is being youthful; young.

**Kepi** is a French military cap.

**Kinkajou** is an arboreal animal of Central and South America.

**Klaxon** is a loud, electric horn.

**Klieg** is a powerful type of arc light once used in the movies.

**Kowtow** is to show servile deference.

**Lacerate** is to tear roughly; mangle.

**Lachrymal** is of or pertaining to tears.

**Languid** is lacking in vigor or vitality.

**Layette** is an outfit of clothing or bedding for a newborn baby.

**Legerdemain** is sleight of hand or trickery.

**Licit** is legal or lawful.

**Limn** is to represent in drawing or painting.

**Locus** is a place or a locality.

**Loquacious** is talking or tending to talk too freely.

**Lucent** means shining.

**Lynx** is a wildcat of Canada and the northern U.S.  
**Macaque** is a monkey, characterized by cheek pouches and short tail.  
**Maelstrom** is a large, powerful, or violent whirlpool.  
**Manatee** is an aquatic mammal of coastal waters, with 2 front flippers and a broad, spoon-shaped tail.  
**Maraud** is to make a raid for booty.  
**Marionette** is a puppet manipulated from above by strings.  
**Marten** is an animal of northern forests.  
**Mastiff** is a large, powerful, short-haired dog.  
**Matriarch** is the female head of a tribal or family line.  
**Mellifluous** is sweetly or smoothly flowing.  
**Menace** is something that threatens to cause harm or evil.  
**Mendacious** is telling lies, especially habitually.  
**Meringue** is a topping for pies, pastry, etc.  
**Mesmerize** is to hypnotize.  
**Metamorphose** is to change the form or nature of, to transform.  
**Meticulous** is taking extreme care about tiny details.  
**Mezzanine** is the lowest balcony in a theater.  
**Microcosm** is a world in miniature.  
**Millennium** is a period of 1,000 years.  
**Mnemonic** is assisting or intended to assist the memory.  
**Mocha** is a choice variety of coffee.  
**Monocoque** is a type of aircraft in which the shell carries most of the stresses.  
**Morass** is a tract or low, soft, wet ground.  
**Morose** is gloomy or sullenly ill-humored.  
**Mote** is a small particle, as in dust.  
**Mottle** is a diversifying spot or blotch of color.  
**Mufti** are civilian clothes.  
**Multiplicand** is a number to be multiplied by another.  
**Munificent** means one who is very generous.  
**Myrrh** is an aromatic resinous exudation from certain plants.  
**Naphtha** (*nafta*) is a colorless, volatile petroleum distillate.  
**Narcissism** is excessive self-love; vanity.  
**Nascent** is beginning to exist or develop.  
**Nebulous** is hazy, vague or indistinct.  
**Neigh** is to utter the cry of a horse; to whinny.  
**Nemesis** is something a person can't conquer.  
**Newt** is a brilliantly colored salamander.  
**Nexus** is a means of connection; a tie; a link.  
**Niche** is an ornamental recess in a wall.  
**Nigh** means near in space, time or relation.  
**Nihilism** is total rejection of established laws and institutions.  
**Nonce** is the present, or immediate, occasion or purpose.  
**Nouveau** is newly or recently created, developed, or come to prominence.  
**Obeisance** is a bow or a curtsy.  
**Objurgate** is to denounce vehemently; to upbraid sharply.  
**Obloquy** is abusive language aimed at a person.  
**Obsequious** showing servile deference; fawning on someone.  
**Obstreperous** means unruly.  
**Occlude** is to close, shut, or stop up.  
**Oleaginous** means having the nature or qualities of oil.  
**Omniscience** is infinite knowledge.  
**Onerous** is burdensome or troublesome.

**Opalesce** is to exhibit a play of colors like that of the opal.  
**Opprobrious** is outrageously disgraceful or shameful.  
**Ostracism** is exclusion from social acceptance.  
**Oxymoron** is a seemingly contradictory figure of speech, like cruel kindness.  
**Pachyderm** is an elephant.  
**Paean** is a song of praise, joy or triumph.  
**Panacea** is a remedy for all disease or ills.  
**Panache** is a grand or flamboyant manner.  
**Panegyric** is a lofty oration in praise of a person or thing.  
**Panoply** is a wide-ranging and impressive array or display.  
**Papyrus** is a tall, aquatic plant, native to the Nile valley.  
**Pariah** is an outcast.  
**Parlance** is a way or manner of speaking.  
**Parry** is to ward off a thrust, as in fencing.  
**Parsec** is a unit of distance equal to 3.26 light-years.  
**Patella** is the kneecap.  
**Peccadillo** is a very minor or slight sin or offense.  
**Peccary** is a piglike hoofed animal of north and south America.  
**Peignoir** is a woman's dressing gown.  
**Pendulous** is hanging down loosely.  
**Penultimate** the next to the last.  
**Penury** is extreme poverty.  
**Perfidy** is a deliberate breach of trust; treachery.  
**Perihelion** is the point at which a planet is closest to the sun.  
**Perniciou** means ruinous; injurious; hurtful.  
**Perquisite** is a gratuity or tip.  
**Perspicuous** is clearly expressed or presented.  
**Pestle** is a tool to grind substances in a mortar.  
**Pharmaceutical** pertains to pharmacy or pharmacists.  
**Phlegmatic** is not easily excited to action.  
**Pique** is to affect with sharp irritation.  
**Piranha** is a small South American fish that eat fish, animals and sometimes attack humans.  
**Pirogue** is an American boat, a dugout.  
**Pirouette** is a whirling about on one foot or on the points of the toes, as in ballet dancing.  
**Plagiarize** is to take ideas and works of another and pass it off as one's own.  
**Platypus** is a small, egg-laying animal of Australia.  
**Plebeian** is belonging or pertaining to the common people.  
**Plebiscite** is a direct vote of the voters of a state in regard to some important public question.  
**Polychrome** is being of many or various colors.  
**Posit** is to place, put or set.  
**Precocious** is prematurely developed.  
**Precursor** is a person or thing that precedes.  
**Prescience** is knowledge of things before they exist or happen.  
**Propitious** means favorable.  
**Psilosis** means a falling out of the hair.  
**Psoriasis** is a common skin disease.  
**Ptois** is a drooping of the upper eyelid.  
**Pulchritude** is physical beauty; comeliness.  
**Pyrrhic** is consisting of two short or unaccented syllables.  
**Quadriceps** is a large muscle in front of the thigh.  
**Quadrille** is a square dance for four couples.  
**Quay** is a landing place along a body of water.  
**Querulous** means full of complaints.



**Quiescent** is being at rest; quiet; inactive.  
**Quinella** is a type of bet on horse races.  
**Quirt** is a riding whip.  
**Quoin** is the external solid angle of a wall.  
**Quotidian** means daily.  
**Rapier** is a small sword, used for thrusting.  
**Rappel** is the way to move down a surface in mountaineering.  
**Rarefy** is to make rare or rarer.  
**Raucous** is harsh or strident.  
**Ravenous** means extremely hungry.  
**Recalcitrant** means resisting authority.  
**Redoubtable** is that that is to be feared; formidable.  
**Regurgitate** is to surge or rush back.  
**Reparable** is capable of being repaired.  
**Repartee** is a quick, witty reply.  
**Repugn** is to oppose or refute.  
**Reticent** is someone disposed to be silent or not to speak freely.  
**Reveille** is a signal to alert military personnel to arise.  
**Rheumatism** is a disorder of the extremities or back, characterized by stiffness.  
**Rhinoceros** is a large African animal.  
**Ricochet** is the motion of an object after deflecting from another object.  
**Riposte** is a quick, sharp return in speech or action.  
**Rococo** is a style of architecture and decoration.  
**Rogue** is a dishonest person, a scoundrel.  
**Roil** is to disturb or disquiet.  
**Roseate** is tinged with rose; rosy.  
**Rough** is having a coarse or uneven surface.  
**Rouse** is to bring out of a state of sleep.  
**Ruse** is a trick.  
**Saboteur** is a person who commits sabotage.  
**Saccharin** is a sweetener.  
**Sacroiliac** is the joint where the sacrum and ilium meet.  
**Sacrosanct** is extremely sacred or inviolable.  
**Sagacious** showing acute mental discernment, or being shrewd.  
**Saguaro** is a tall, horizontally branched cactus.  
**Salaam** is a salutation meaning peace, especially in Islamic countries.  
**Sanguinary** means full of bloodshed, bloody.  
**Sarsaparilla** is a soft drink made from the extract of a root.  
**Satiate** is to supply something to excess.  
**Satyr** is a mythological character, half human and half goat or horse.  
**Schiffli** is a large, loomlike machine for working patterns in lace.  
**Schism** is division or disunion.  
**Schlock** means cheap or trashy.  
**Schuss** is a straight downhill run at high speed, skiing.  
**Scimitar** is a curved, single-edged sword.  
**Scintillate** is to emit sparks.  
**Scorpioid** is resembling a scorpion.  
**Scrimshaw** is a carved article, especially of whale ivory.  
**Scrivener** is a scribe.  
**Scythe** is an implement used to cut grass or grain by hand.  
**Sebaceous** means fatty.  
**Secede** is to withdraw formally from an alliance.  
**Sedulous** means persevering.

**Segue** (*segway*) means to continue at once with the next musical composition.

**Seismicity** is the frequency of earthquakes in a given area.

**Seneschal** is an officer having full charge of domestic arrangements.

**Sentient** means conscious.

**Septuagenarian** is between 70 and 80 years of age.

**Sequacious** means following with smooth or logical regularity.

**Sequester** is to remove or withdraw into solitude or retirement.

**Serendipity** means good fortune or luck.

**Serge** is a twilled fabric used for clothing.

**Serrate** is notched on the edge like a saw.

**Setaceous** is bristlelike.

**Severance** is the act of severing or the state of being severed.

**Sexton** is a church official charged with taking care of the edifice and its contents.

**Sheaf** is a bundle of wheat, rye, etc.

**Shoal** is a place where a body of water is shallow.

**Sibyl** is a female prophet or witch.

**Sieve** is an instrument with a meshed bottom, used to separate materials.

**Skein** is a length of yarn wound on a reel for use in manufacturing

**Skink** is a lizard common in both the Old and New worlds.

**Sleazy** means contemptibly low or disreputable.

**Sloe** is the small, sour fruit of the blackthorn.

**Sluice** is an artificial channel for conducting water.

**Solecism** is a nonstandard or ungrammatical usage.

**Soliloquy** is a discourse by a person who is talking to himself.

**Sorcerer** is a person who practices black magic.

**Sorghum** is a cereal grass.

**Speciesism** is discrimination in favor of one species over another.

**Specious** is apparently good or right though lacking real merit.

**Sphinx** is a figure of a creature having the head of a man or animal and the body of a lion.

**Spinnet** is a small upright piano.

**Squalor** is filth or misery.

**Squeegee** is an implement edged with rubber to remove water from windows or floors.

**Staid** means of settled character, not flighty.

**Stanchion** is an upright bar as in a window or stall.

**Stiletto** is a short dagger with a thick blade.

**Strafe** is to attack by airplanes with machine-gun fire.

**Strontium** is a strong, metallic element.

**Strychnine** is a colorless, crystalline poison.

**Sturgeon** is a large fish, valued as a source of caviar.

**Subcutaneous** means lying under the skin, as tissue.

**Submersible** is that which is capable of being submerged.

**Suffrutescent** is partially or slightly woody.

**Surcease** is to cease from some action; desist.

**Surfeit** means excess; an excessive amount.

**Suzerain** is a state exercising political control over a dependent state.

**Svelte** is gracefully slender; lithe.

**Sycamore** is a North American tree.

**Sycophancy** is self-seeking or servile flattery.  
**Sylph** is a slender, graceful woman or girl.  
**Syncopate** is to place accents on beats in music normally not accented.  
**Tabasco** is a trademark name for a condiment sauce.  
**Tachymeter** is an instrument to rapidly determine distances.  
**Taciturn** means inclined to silence.  
**Tactician** is a person who is adept at planning tactics.  
**Taffeta** is a medium- or light-weight fabric.  
**Talisman** is an object that is supposed to possess powers.  
**Tallow** is the fatty tissue of animals.  
**Talon** is the claw of a bird of prey.  
**Tamarind** is the pod of a large tropical tree.  
**Tamburitza** is a mandolinlike instrument of southern Slavic regions.  
**Tanager** is a songbird found in North America.  
**Tankard** is a large drinking cup.  
**Tapir** is a three-toed animal resembling a pig in Central and South America.  
**Tarantella** is a rapid, whirling Italian dance.  
**Tarantula** is a large, hairy spider.  
**Tariff** is a list showing duties imposed on imports or exports.  
**Tarot** is a card used for fortunetelling.  
**Tarry** is to remain or stay awhile.  
**Taupe** (*tohp*) is a brownish gray.  
**Taut** means tightly drawn.  
**Taw** is a fancy marble used as a shooter.  
**Tawny** is a shade of brown tinged with yellow.  
**Taxable** means capable of being taxed.  
**Teak** is a large East Indian tree.  
**Tempestuous** means tumultuous or turbulent.  
**Tenacious** means holding fast.  
**Tenement** is a rundown, often overcrowded apartment house.  
**Tenet** is a principle, doctrine or dogma.  
**Tequila** is a strong liquor from Mexico.  
**Termagant** is a violent or brawling woman.  
**Tern** is an aquatic bird.  
**Terrarium** is a container for land animals.  
**Tertiary** is of the third order.  
**Testatrix** is a woman who makes a will.  
**Tetrabrach** is a word of four short syllables.  
**Thalassic** is of or pertaining to seas or oceans.  
**Thence** means from that place.  
**Theocracy** is a form of government in which a deity is recognized as the supreme civil ruler.  
**Therapeutics** is the branch of medicine concerned with the remedial treatment of disease.  
**Thoracic** is of or pertaining to the thorax.  
**Thought** is the product of mental activity.  
**Thrall** is one who is in bondage; slave.  
**Threshold** is the sill of a doorway.  
**Tiara** is a jeweled coronet worn by women.  
**Timbre** is the characteristic quality of a sound.  
**Tinct** is to tinge or tint, as with color.  
**Titillate** is to excite agreeably.  
**Tizzy** is a nervous or agitated state.  
**Tofu** is a bland, cheeselike food, high in protein content.  
**Tome** is a large, heavy book.

**Toque** is a brimless and close-fitting hat for women.  
**Tortoise** is a turtle, especially a land turtle.  
**Tortuous** means full of twists or turns.  
**Toucan** is a large-billed, brightly colored bird.  
**Toupee** is a man's wig.  
**Tourniquet** is a device for arresting bleeding.  
**Traduce** means to slander or defame.  
**Traipse** is to walk or go aimlessly or idly.  
**Travois** is a transporting device pulled by an animal.  
**Treacle** is contrived sentimentality.  
**Triskaidekaphobia** is a fear of the number 13.  
**Troglodyte** is a prehistoric cave dweller.  
**Troika** is a team of 3 horses driven abreast.  
**Trousseau** is clothing, linen, especially for a bride.  
**Truculent** is fierce or savagely brutal.  
**Truncheon** is a club carried by a police officer.  
**Tryst** is an appointment to meet at a certain time and place.  
**Tumescence** means swelling.  
**Ubiquitous** means omnipresent or being everywhere at the same time.  
**Umlaut** is a mark used over a vowel.  
**Unconscionable** means unscrupulous or not guided by conscience.  
**Unrequited** is not returned or reciprocated.  
**Unwonted** is not customary or usual or rare.  
**Vacillate** means to waver in opinion.  
**Vacuous** means empty.  
**Variscite** is a secondary mineral.  
**Ventriloquism** means throwing the voice.  
**Verisimilitude** means the appearance of truth.  
**Vertebrae** are bones composing the spinal column.  
**Vertiginous** means whirling or spinning.  
**Vexillology** means the study of flags.  
**Vicissitude** means a change in the course of things.  
**Villein** was an almost free person in the middle ages.  
**Virescent** means turning green.  
**Viscera** are the organs in the abdominal cavity.  
**Viscid** means sticky.  
**Vociferous** is crying out noisily.  
**Vorticity** is a measure of the circulation of a fluid.  
**Waterborne** is floating or moving on water.  
**Whet** is to sharpen by grinding or friction.  
**Whippoorwill** is a nocturnal North American bird.  
**Widgeon** is a common, freshwater duck.  
**Wildebeest** is a gnu.  
**Wok** is a pan used in cooking Chinese food.  
**Wraith** is a visible spirit.  
**Xenophobe** is a person who fears or hates foreigners.  
**Xyster** is a surgical instrument for scraping bones.  
**Xylose** is a colorless crystalline sugar.  
**Yttrium** is a rare metallic element.  
**Yurt** is a tentlike dwelling of the Mongols.  
**Zephyr** is a gentle breeze.  
**Zinciferous** means yielding or containing zinc.  
**Zoanthropy** (zoo) is a mental disorder in which one believes oneself to be an animal.  
**Zoopraxiscope** is an early motion projector.  
**Zucchetto** is a skullcap worn by Roman Catholic ecclesiastics.