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## VOCABULARY

Every student at some time or the other faces the question "How do I increase my vocabulary?" This is because, people who might otherwise be very fluent in spoken English do not really take care to use new words, since, for the purpose of communication, the current register of words is deemed enough. An unfortunate fallout of this nonchalant complacency is that when these people actually face questions examining their vocabulary and its extent, they are all at sea. An easy example will bear this out. Everyone knows that when we are asked to name the tip of a mountain or the highest point of something, we use the word 'peak'. But not everyone would know that words like zenith, apogee, crest and summit may be replacements for the same word. So the same meaning used in the form of another word might leave the student totally flummoxed. Therefore, it is important to start working on one's vocabulary as soon as possible for success in any competitive exam.

Given below are a few tips on the accepted methods and practices used to improve one's vocabulary:

- (a) **The practice of reading** - This is, sadly, lacking in most aspirants. With the advent of Television, reading has almost become passe. Reading is important not just because it increases general knowledge. That it definitely does; in addition what it does is help a student get into the habit of reading. It is also important to read a variety of subjects, because each subject has its own register of language and words are used with differing connotations in each register. So, for success in competitive exams, perusal of a few different sources of reading material is mandatory. The sources are:
- 1) A general magazine e.g. India Today, Frontline, Outlook, Reader's Digest, Time, etc.
  - 2) A business magazine e.g. Business Today, Business India, Business World, etc.
  - 3) The daily newspaper e.g. The Times of India, The Hindu, The Indian Express, etc.
- (b) **Using a dictionary-the almost-extinct habit** - Even though the idea of using a dictionary does nothing to enthrone the common student, every one owns a dictionary but treats it like a sacred cow, not to be touched and defiled; of course, not that they are to be blamed too much for it; it is almost a habit now; but should be considered a necessary evil. A dictionary should be kept with the student while reading
- anything, so that an incomprehensible word can be looked up immediately. Procrastination invariably leads to the words remaining incomprehensible due to forgetfulness in looking up the word in the dictionary.
- (c) **Self-help books** - Quite a few self-help books claiming to improve Verbal Ability are to be found in the open market, and one or two are actually helpful in this regard. Students are welcome to consult these books but are advised to do so after consulting discriminating people who have experience in this regard e.g. experienced English teachers or the English faculty, since they have better idea of the relative efficacy of these books.
- (d) **Thesaurus-the viable alternative** - If using a dictionary seems to be too boring to be considered for any length of time, using a thesaurus may be a more interesting alternative. In theory, it is the reverse of a dictionary, and basically gives the various synonyms and the types of usage of a word e.g. as a verb, adjective, noun etc.. So it gives a lot of information about each word. If the student can remember even some of it, it will be a great advantage. The most commonly available thesaurus in the market is the Roget's Thesaurus, usually now used as a generic name by most publishers.
- (e) **The Word List** - The Word List is a comprehensive compendium of the words most commonly asked or used in the Management Examination question papers. Studying the Word List will also give the student a lot of information about the origin of various words, their roots etc. This is a particularly useful method of studying because knowledge of etymology helps the student gauge the meaning and usage of other words having the same roots, regardless of whether the student has come across the word earlier or not.
- (f) **Flip-Cards** - We strongly advocate this technique which is another tool to memorize words from the list. These are blank cards approximately double the size of your standard visiting card. After isolation of the exceptionally difficult words from the Word List, the student should write approximately five words on one side of the card and the corresponding meanings on the other. The advantages of using this type of tool are that (1) Cards are portable and the student can carry a card around with him/her any where and glance at it anytime.

(2) The embarrassment factor which carrying a Word List around entails is absent here, and (3) At the time of the final run-up to the examination, the student, instead of revising the whole Word List, can just go through the set of Flip Cards that he or she has collected. The only problem is getting started and, to mix metaphors, once that initial hurdle is overcome the rest is smooth sailing!

- (g) **Gauging meanings** - This logically follows from the earlier method. It is advisable for the student to try and gauge the meaning of a word from the context of the sentence. This is an extremely effective method and very frequently, it is

possible to find out the meaning of a newly seen word just by reading the whole sentence and getting the meaning of the sentence as a whole. e.g. in the sentence 'All of us tried our best to persuade him but he remained adamant'. Even if a student does not know the meaning of the word adamant per se, it is still possible to gauge the meaning from the context of the sentence i.e. unmoved, firm, intractable, etc. It should be kept in mind by the students that none of the above methods are absolute in themselves. It is a combination of all these, or at least some of these, which will give one the best results.



**ONE WORD - A SMALL COLLECTION**

- Abdicate** - Renounce a throne or high office
- Abolish** - Do away with
- Accelerate** - Move faster
- Accomplice** - One associated with another especially in wrong-doing
- Acoustics** - Science of the production, transmission, reception and effects of sound
- Acrobat** - One who performs gymnastic feats
- Adolescence** - The period of life from puberty to maturity
- Actuary** - One who calculates insurance and annuity premium etc
- Adulterate** - Make impure by the addition of inferior substance
- Aggression** - Unprovoked attack of one country or person by another
- Amnesty** - General pardon
- Abattoir** - A building where animals are killed for meat (or slaughterhouse)
- Ad hoc** - arranged or happening when necessary and not planned in advance
- Aeronautics** - The science of the operation and flight of aircraft
- Aesthete** - A person with a highly developed sense of beauty aesthetics
- Agnostic** - One who believes that nothing can be known about God
- Agoraphobia** - Fear of open spaces public places
- Alibi** - It is Latin for elsewhere. It is actually a plea of having been elsewhere at the time of commission of an act. But it is now used in the sense of an excuse. Example: He offered no alibi for his absence from duty.
- Alimony** - Compensatory allowance given to wife after divorce
- Allergic** - Allergy means, a heightened sensitivity to a substance as food, medicine etc. Allergic means having an aversion to. Example : He is allergic to hard work.
- Altruist** - One who is habitually kind to others
- Alumnus** - A former student of a school or college
- Ambivalent** - The word means simultaneous attraction towards and repulsion from an object, person or action. Example : The attitude of educated Indians to love-marriages is ambivalent
- Anachronism** - That which appears to be old fashioned and does not belong to the present time
- Anarchy** - Lawlessness and disorder caused by absence of control
- Anecdote** - A short interesting or amusing story
- Anthology** - A collection of poems or writings
- Aphorism** - (or maxim) A wise saying in a few words
- Aphrodisiac** - A medicine drug causing sexual excitement
- Apiary** - A place where bees are kept
- Apprentice** - A person who works under someone to learn that person's skill
- Arboreal** - Those who live in trees
- Armistice** - (or cease-fire or truce) An agreement to stop fighting
- Ascetic** - One who avoids physical pleasures and comforts
- Astrology** - The art of understanding the influence of heavenly bodies on human affairs.
- Astronomy** - Scientific study of heavenly bodies
- Aviary** - A place for keeping birds
- Backlog** - It means an accumulation of arrears. Example: I must clear my heavy backlog of work.
- Backwater** - A part of a river out of the main stream, where the water does not move
- Barbarian** - An uncivilised person
- Barbecue** - A metal flame on which meat etc. is cooked over an open fire
- Barometer** - An instrument for measuring the air pressure
- Beverage** - A liquid for drinking
- Bibliography** - A list of writings on a subject
- Biennial** - Happening once every two years
- Bigamy** - System of two marriages
- Biodata** - (or Resume or Curriculum Vitae) A short written account of one's education and past employment
- Black Hole** - An area in outer space into which everything near it, including light, is pulled
- Bleach** - Make white or pale by means of chemicals or sunlight
- Blue Blood** - The quality of being a noble person by birth
- Blueprint** - The word originated in the engineering industry where it means the final stage of paper design. So it may mean the final plan or layout. Example: The blueprint of the Five-Year Plan is ready.
- Bonsai** - The art of growing a plant in a pot that is prevented from reaching its natural size
- Bon Vivant** - One who likes good wine and food and cheerful companions
- Bookworm** - (or nerd) One who is too fond of reading and study
- Botany** - The scientific study of plants
- Bottleneck** - It is a narrow passage, a place, stage or condition that checks progress. Example: We must remove all bottlenecks in the swift implementation of policies.
- Boulevard** - A broad street having trees on each side
- Bourgeois** - Belonging to the middle class
- Bric-a-brac** - Small objects kept for decoration
- Bullion** - Bars of gold or silver
- Bust** - A piece of sculpture showing a person's head, shoulders, and upper chest
- Cabal** - A small group of people who make secret plans for political action
- Calligraphy** - The art of beautiful writing by hand
- Canine** - Of a dog

<b>Cannibal</b>	- One who eats human flesh	<b>Cuisine</b>	- A style of cooking
<b>Cardiac</b>	- Connected with the heart	<b>Daredevil</b>	- One who is prepared to take dangerous risks
<b>Catch-22</b>	- A situation from which one is prevented from escaping by something that is part of the situation itself	<b>D-day</b>	- A day on which an important operation is to begin
<b>Celestial</b>	- Of the sky or heaven	<b>Debacle</b>	- A sudden complete failure
<b>Cerebral</b>	- Connected with the brain	<b>Decanter</b>	- A container for holding alcoholic drinks, especially wine
<b>Chalet</b>	- A wooden house with a steeply sloping roof	<b>Defeatism</b>	- The practice of thinking in a way that shows an expectation of being unsuccessful
<b>Charlatan</b>	- One who deceives others by falsely claiming to have a skill	<b>Deficit</b>	- The amount by which something is less than what is needed
<b>Celibacy</b>	- One who does not indulge in carnal pleasure	<b>Déja vu</b>	- The feeling of remembering something that in fact one is experiencing for the first time
<b>Clean sweep</b>	- A complete victory	<b>Depression</b>	- A long period of seriously reduced business activity and high unemployment
<b>Cloak-and-Dagger</b>	- Stories that deal with adventure and exciting mystery	<b>Designate</b>	- Chosen for an office but not yet officially placed in it
<b>Clot</b>	- A half-solid mass or lump formed from a liquid, especially blood	<b>Disarmament</b>	- Reduction of weapons by a government
<b>Clubfoot</b>	- A badly-shaped foot twisted out of position from birth	<b>Dissection</b>	- Cutting up the body of a plant or animal for studying
<b>Coagulate</b>	- Change from a liquid into a solid by chemical action	<b>Dividend</b>	- The money which is divided among shareholders
<b>Cold war</b>	- Severe political struggle between countries, without actual fighting	<b>Dome</b>	- A rounded roof on a building
<b>Colloquial</b>	- Suitable for ordinary, informal, or familiar conversation	<b>Dormitory</b>	- A large room containing a number of beds
<b>Colonnade</b>	- A row of pillars supporting a roof or arches	<b>Down-and-out</b>	- One who is suffering from lack of money, work, etc, and is unable to change the situation
<b>Coma</b>	- A state of long unnatural deep or unconsciousness	<b>Dragnet</b>	- A system of connected actions and methods for catching criminals
<b>Combustible</b>	- (or Inflammable) That can catch fire and burn easily	<b>Dregs</b>	- Sediment in a liquid that sinks to the bottom and is thrown away
<b>Comrade</b>	- A close companion who shares difficult work	<b>Drudgery</b>	- Hard uninteresting work
<b>Congenital</b>	- Existing at or from one's birth	<b>Dutch</b>	- Of the Netherlands (Holland)
<b>Connotation</b>	- The feeling or ideas that are suggested by a word	<b>Eagle-eyed</b>	- Looking with very keen attention and noticing small details
<b>Consortium</b>	- A combination of several companies, banks, etc. for a common purpose	<b>Eaves</b>	- The edges of a roof which come out beyond the walls
<b>Consul</b>	- A person appointed by a government to protect and help its citizens and its interests in trade in a foreign city	<b>Eddy</b>	- A circular movement of water, wind, dust, etc.
<b>Contemporary</b>	- A person living at the same time as another	<b>Elastic</b>	- Able to spring back into shape after being stretched
<b>Contretemps</b>	- An unlucky and unexpected event, socially uncomfortable position with someone	<b>Electrocute</b>	- To kill by passing electricity through the body
<b>Corinthian</b>	- Typical of the most richly decorated style of ancient Greek buildings	<b>Embargo</b>	- An official order forbidding trade with another country
<b>Corrigendum</b>	- Something (to be) made correct in a printed book	<b>Empirical</b>	- Based on practical experience of the world we see and feel
<b>Counterfeit</b>	- Made exactly like something real in order to deceive	<b>Enigmatic</b>	- That which is mysterious and very hard to understand
<b>Countervailing</b>	- Acting with equal force but opposite effect	<b>Entomology</b>	- The scientific study of insects
<b>Couture</b>	- The business of making and selling fashionable women's clothes	<b>Epic</b>	- A long narrative poem
<b>Cradle</b>	- A small bed for a baby	<b>Epicurean</b>	- Lover of physical/material
<b>Creativity</b>	- The ability to produce new and original ideas	<b>Ergonomics</b>	- The study of the conditions in which people work most effectively with machines
<b>Criminology</b>	- The scientific study of crime and criminals	<b>Estuary</b>	- The wide lower part or mouth of a river
<b>Crossroads</b>	- A point at which an important decision must be taken	<b>Evaporate</b>	- To change into steam and disappear
<b>Cruise</b>	- A sea voyage for pleasure	<b>Evolution</b>	- Gradual development from simpler forms
		<b>Excise</b>	- Tax on goods produced and used inside a country
		<b>Expletive</b>	- An often meaningless word used for swearing

<b>Expressionism</b>	- A style of painting which expresses feelings rather than describing objects and experiences	<b>Grunt</b>	- Short deep rough sound of a pig
<b>Extrovert</b>	- One who likes to spend time with others	<b>Gubernatorial</b>	- Of a governor
<b>Facet</b>	- Any of the many flat sides of a cut jewel	<b>Guinea pig</b>	- A person who is subject of some kind of test
<b>Faeces</b>	- The solid waste material passed from the bowels	<b>Halitosis</b>	- A condition in which one has bad breath
<b>Fallacy</b>	- A false idea or belief	<b>Handbook</b>	- A short book giving all the most important information about a subject
<b>Farce</b>	- A light humorous play full of silly things happening	<b>Hangar</b>	- A big building where aircraft are kept between flights
<b>Farrier</b>	- One who makes and fits shoes for horses	<b>Harpoon</b>	- A spear with a long rope, used for hunting large sea animals
<b>Febrile</b>	- Of or caused by fever	<b>Haven</b>	- A place of calm and safety
<b>Felony</b>	- A serious crime such as murder or armed robbery	<b>Headgear</b>	- A covering for the head
<b>Fiance</b>	- (feminine fiancée) The person one is going to marry	<b>Headstrong</b>	- Determined to do what one wants in spite of all advice
<b>Filament</b>	- A thin thread	<b>Heat-stroke</b>	- Fever and weakness caused by too much heat
<b>Flogging</b>	- Severe beating with a whip or stick	<b>Heirloom</b>	- A valuable object passed on for generations
<b>Flora</b>	- All the plants of a particular place, country, or period	<b>Herbivore</b>	- A plant-eating animal
<b>Fluvial</b>	- Of, found in, or produced by rivers	<b>Hide</b>	- An animal's skin, when removed, to be used, for leather
<b>Foible</b>	- A small rather strange and stupid personal habit	<b>Hinterland</b>	- The inner part of a country
<b>Foolscap</b>	- A large size of paper, especially writing paper	<b>Histrionics</b>	- Behaviour resembling a theatrical performance
<b>Foray</b>	- A sudden rush into enemy country	<b>Holocaust</b>	- Great destruction and the loss of many lives
<b>Foreman</b>	- A skilled and experienced worker in charge of other workers	<b>Holster</b>	- A leather holder for a pistol
<b>Fortnight</b>	- Two weeks	<b>Hooligan</b>	- A noisy rough person who causes trouble
<b>Fourth Estate</b>	- Newspapers and their writers, considered with regard to their political influence	<b>Hothead</b>	- One who does things too quickly, without thinking
<b>Freckle</b>	- A small flat brown spot on the skin	<b>Hub</b>	- The central part of a wheel
<b>Freight</b>	- Goods carried by ship, train, plane, etc.	<b>Hump</b>	- A lump on the back of a camel
<b>Frill</b>	- A decorative edge to a piece of material	<b>Ideology</b>	- A set of ideas on which a political or economic system is based
<b>Frontispiece</b>	- A picture or photograph at the beginning of a book	<b>Idolatry</b>	- The worship of idols
<b>Fumigate</b>	- To clear of disease, bacteria etc. by means of chemical smoke	<b>Illegible</b>	- Difficult or impossible to read
<b>Furrow</b>	- A long narrow track cut by a plough	<b>Immortal</b>	- That which will never die
<b>Galaxy</b>	- A large group of stars	<b>Implacable</b>	- Impossible to satisfy, change, or make less angry
<b>Gastronomy</b>	- The art and science of cooking and eating good food	<b>Improvident</b>	- One who does not save for the future
<b>Gelatine</b>	- A clear substance used for making jellies	<b>Incarnate</b>	- In physical form rather than in the form of a spirit or idea
<b>Geocentric</b>	- Having the Earth as the central point	<b>Incorporeal</b>	- Without a body or form
<b>Gigolo</b>	- A man who is paid to be a woman's lover	<b>Inedible</b>	- Not suitable for eating
<b>Glacier</b>	- A mass of ice moving very slowly down a mountain valley	<b>Inflate</b>	- To fill with air or gas until swelled
<b>Glut</b>	- A larger supply than is necessary	<b>Ingest</b>	- To take into the stomach
<b>Goatee</b>	- A little pointed beard on the bottom of the chin	<b>Innate</b>	- That which one is born with
<b>Go-Getter</b>	- One who is forceful, determined, and likely to succeed in getting what one wants	<b>Inseminate</b>	- To put male seed into a female
<b>Good Samaritan</b>	- One who helps others in trouble, without thinking of oneself	<b>Intelligentsia</b>	- Those who are highly educated and often concern themselves with ideas and new developments
<b>Gorge</b>	- A deep narrow valley with steep sides	<b>Intestate</b>	- Not having made a will
<b>Graffiti</b>	- Drawings or writing on a wall	<b>Investive</b>	- A forceful attacking speech used for blaming someone
<b>Grange</b>	- A large country house with Farm buildings	<b>Invoice</b>	- A list of goods supplied, stating quantity and price
<b>Green Belt</b>	- A stretch of land, around a town or city, where building is not allowed, so that fields, woods, etc. remain	<b>Irreproachable</b>	- So good that no blame at all could be given
		<b>Journal</b>	- A serious magazine produced by a specialist society
		<b>Junta</b>	- A council or assembly that deliberates in secret upon the affairs of government.

<b>Juxtapose</b>	- To place side by side or close together	<b>Mercantile</b>	- powerful than one really is
<b>Kennel</b>	- A small hut for a dog	<b>Meteorology</b>	- Of trade and business
<b>Kimono</b>	- A long loose garment made of silk	<b>Midriff</b>	- The scientific study of weather conditions
<b>Knuckle</b>	- The joint between the finger and the hand	<b>Militia</b>	- The part of the human body between the chest and the waist
<b>Lackey</b>	- One who behaves like a servant by always obeying	<b>Miniature</b>	- Those trained as soldiers but not belonging to a regular army
<b>Lead Time</b>	- The time taken in planning and producing a new product	<b>Mirage</b>	- A very small painting
<b>Lecher</b>	- One who continually looks for sexual pleasure	<b>Misnomer</b>	- The appearing of objects which are not really there
<b>Leonine</b>	- Of or like a lion	<b>Moccasin</b>	- A name wrongly or mistakenly applied.
<b>Levee</b>	- An embankment beside a river or stream or an arm of the sea, to prevent floods.	<b>Modus Operandi</b>	- A simple shoe made of leather
<b>Levy</b>	- An official demand and collection, especially of a tax	<b>Mogul</b>	- A method of doing something typical of someone
<b>Libertarian</b>	- One who believes that people should have freedom of expression	<b>Monarchy</b>	- A person of very great power, wealth, and importance
<b>Lien</b>	- A legal claim or hold on employment or property, as security for a debt or charge.	<b>Monomaniac</b>	- Rule by a king or queen
<b>Limerick</b>	- A humorous short poem with five lines	<b>Moralistic</b>	- One who keeps thinking of one particular idea only
<b>Linchpin/</b>	- An important member which keeps the whole group together	<b>Morbid</b>	- Having unchanging narrow ideas about right and wrong
<b>Lynchpin</b>	- People with great knowledge of literature	<b>Motto</b>	- Having or expressing a strong interest in sad or unpleasant things
<b>Literati</b>	- Uniform of a special type for servants	<b>Multinational</b>	- A few words taken as the guiding principle
<b>Livery</b>	- A place where something particular happens	<b>Mundane</b>	- A company having operations in many different countries
<b>Locale</b>	- One whose job is to cut down trees	<b>Mycology</b>	- Dull/ Ordinary
<b>Logger</b>	- A machine on which thread is woven into cloth	<b>Namesake</b>	- The scientific study of fungi (plural of fungus)
<b>Loom</b>	- Old beliefs, not written down, about a particular subject	<b>Nautical</b>	- A person with the same name as yours is your namesake
<b>Lore</b>	- One who has no interest in literature, art, etc.	<b>Necromancy</b>	- Of sailors, ships, or sailing
<b>Lowbrow</b>	- A pleasant song used for causing children to sleep	<b>Nemesis</b>	- The practice which claims to learn about the future by talking with the dead
<b>Lullaby</b>	- A knife with a broad heavy blade	<b>Newfangled</b>	- Just and unavoidable punishment
<b>Machete</b>	- A great work of art, theatre, film, etc.	<b>Nihilism</b>	- New (idea, machine etc) but neither necessary nor better
<b>Magnum Opus</b>	- That which is wrong with a system	<b>Nodding</b>	- The belief that nothing has meaning or value
<b>Malady</b>	- A feeling of pain without any particular pain or appearance of disease	<b>Acquaintance</b>	- A very slight familiarity
<b>Malaise</b>	- One who is dissatisfied with the existing state of affairs.	<b>Nosegay</b>	- A small bunch of flowers, to be carried or worn on a dress
<b>Malcontent</b>	- A man who believes that men are better than women	<b>Notary</b>	- A public official who makes written statements official
<b>Male Chauvinist</b>	- To speak evil of, especially to do so falsely and severely.	<b>No-win Situation</b>	- That which will end badly whichever choice one makes
<b>Malign</b>	- The long hair on the back of a horse's neck	<b>Nursery</b>	- A place where small children are taken care of or where young plants are grown for sale
<b>Mane</b>	- A book giving information about how to do something	<b>Oar</b>	- A long pole used for rowing a boat
<b>Manual</b>	- The free operation of business and trade without govt. controls	<b>Obstetrics</b>	- The branch of medicine concerned with childbirth
<b>Market Forces</b>	- Chosen as a symbol or thought to bring good luck	<b>Obtrude</b>	- To be pushed or to push oneself into undue prominence.
<b>Mascot</b>	- The unnecessary and indiscriminate killing of human beings.	<b>Obtrusive</b>	- Tending to be pushed or to push oneself into undue prominence.
<b>Massacre</b>	- Too great interest in money & material, etc, rather than spiritual matters	<b>Obviate</b>	- To clear away or provide for, as an objection or difficulty.
<b>Materialism</b>	- The science of the action of forces on objects	<b>Odoriferous</b>	- Having a smell
<b>Mechanics</b>	- The belief that one is more important or		
<b>Megalomania</b>			

<b>Off-White</b>	- White with some grey or yellow		
<b>Oligarchy</b>	- A collective government formed by a few persons	<b>Plebeian</b>	- a man and a woman
<b>One-Upmanship</b>	- The art of getting an advantage over others without actually cheating	<b>Poetaster</b>	- Of the lower social classes
<b>Ontology</b>	- The branch of philosophy concerned with the nature of existence	<b>Poker Face</b>	- A writer of inferior quality poems
<b>Operational Research</b>	- The study of how businesses are organised in order to make them more efficient		- A face that shows nothing of what one is thinking or feeling
<b>Opprobrium</b>	- The state of being scornfully reproached or censured	<b>Porcine</b>	- Of or like a pig
<b>Orderly</b>	- A soldier who attends an officer	<b>Pork</b>	- Meat from pigs
<b>Ornithology</b>	- The scientific study of birds	<b>Portend</b>	- To indicate as being about to happen, especially by previous signs.
<b>Ostentation</b>	- A display dictated by vanity and intended to invite applause or flattery.	<b>Post-Haste</b>	- In a great hurry
<b>Ostracism</b>	- The state of not being included in a group	<b>Pot-Boiler</b>	- A book of low quality produced quickly to make money
<b>Outcast</b>	- One who is forced from one's home or without friends	<b>Powder Keg</b>	- Something dangerous that might explode
<b>Overhaul</b>	- Thorough examination and repair if necessary	<b>Précis</b>	- A shortened form of a piece of writing
<b>Pacemaker</b>	- A small machine that regularises heartbeats	<b>Prescient</b>	- Able to imagine or guess what will probably happen
<b>Palaeography</b>	- The study of ancient writing systems	<b>Prevaricate</b>	- To use ambiguous or evasive language for the purpose of deceiving or diverting attention.
<b>Panacea</b>	- A remedy or medicine proposed for or professing to cure all diseases.	<b>Prey</b>	- An animal that is hunted and eaten by another
<b>Panache</b>	- Being able to do things in a confident and elegant way.	<b>Prima Donna</b>	- The main woman singer in an opera company
<b>Panegyric</b>	- A speech or a piece of writing praising somebody or something	<b>Prodigal</b>	- One who is wasteful or extravagant, especially in the use of money or property.
<b>Pariah</b>	- One who is not accepted by society	<b>Profile</b>	- A side view of someone's head /face
<b>Parricide</b>	- Act of murdering one's father, mother or other close relative	<b>Projection</b>	- Something that sticks out from a surface
<b>Parting Shot</b>	- A last remark made at the moment of leaving	<b>Propellant</b>	- An explosive for firing a bullet or a rocket
<b>Passive Smoking</b>	- The breathing in of smoke from the cigarettes that others are smoking	<b>Protagonist</b>	- First actor in a play. It means one who takes the leading part in a drama, novel or any other sphere.
<b>Patent</b>	- The right to make or sell a new invention	<b>Proscribe</b>	- To reject, as a teaching or a practice, with condemnation or denunciation.
<b>Paunch</b>	- A man's fat stomach	<b>Prosody</b>	- The rules by which the patterns of sounds and rhythms are arranged in poetry
<b>Peanuts</b>	- Too small a sum of money	<b>Postscript (or P.S.)</b>	- A note added at the end of a letter
<b>Peeping Tom</b>	- One who secretly looks at others when they are undressing	<b>Pulmonary</b>	- Of or having an effect on the lungs
<b>Penance</b>	- Making oneself willingly suffer for one's wrongs	<b>Punctilious</b>	- Strictly observant of the rules or forms prescribed by law or custom.
<b>Perdition</b>	- Everlasting punishment after death	<b>Punter</b>	- One who makes a bet on horserace results
<b>Perjury</b>	- A lie told on purpose in court	<b>Pus</b>	- A thick yellowish liquid produced in an infected wound
<b>Persona non Grata</b>	- One who is not acceptable or welcome	<b>Putsch</b>	- A sudden secretly planned attempt to remove a government by force
<b>Petrology</b>	- The scientific study of rocks	<b>Palmistry</b>	- The art of telling one's character or future by examining one's hands and palms
<b>Phonetics</b>	- The study and science of speech sounds	<b>Quartet</b>	- Four singers or musicians performing together
<b>Phylum</b>	- A main division of animals or plants	<b>Quixotic</b>	- Trying to do the impossible, often so as to help others, while getting oneself into danger
<b>Pigment</b>	- The natural colouring matter of plants and animals	<b>Raconteur</b>	- One who is good at telling stories in an interesting way
<b>Pillion</b>	- A seat for a second person on a motorcycle	<b>Raillery</b>	- Friendly joking at someone's weakness
<b>Pithead</b>	- The entrance to a coalmine	<b>Ranger</b>	- The keeper of a forest
<b>Placate</b>	- To bring from a state of angry or hostile feeling to one of patience or friendliness.	<b>Real Estate</b>	- Property in the form of land and houses
<b>Plaintiff</b>	- One who brings a charge against someone in a court	<b>Realpolitik</b>	- Politics based on practical facts rather than on moral or ideological aims
<b>Platitude</b>	- A written or spoken statement that has been made often before and is not interesting	<b>Rebuff</b>	- A peremptory or unexpected rejection of advances or approaches.
<b>Platonic</b>	- A friendly, not sexual, relationship between	<b>Recant</b>	- To withdraw formally one's belief (in

	something previously believed or maintained).	<b>Sensationalism</b>	- The intentional producing of excitement or shock
<b>Recumbent</b>	- Lying down on the back or side	<b>Septic</b>	- Infected with disease bacteria
<b>Red-Handed</b>	- In the act of doing something wrong	<b>Sexagenarian</b>	- One who is between 60 and 69 years old
<b>Redundant</b>	- Means exceeding what is natural, usual or necessary.	<b>Sexism</b>	- The belief that one sex is not as good as the other
<b>Reflation</b>	- A govt. policy of increasing the amount of money used to increase the demand for goods or services	<b>Shaman</b>	- A priest believed to have magical powers and able to cure people
<b>Relic</b>	- Something old that reminds us of the past	<b>Shibboleth</b>	- A once-important custom which no longer has much meaning
<b>Renaissance</b>	- A renewal of interest in some particular kind of art, literature, etc, a period of revival during 15th and 16th centuries in Europe	<b>Shoot</b>	- A new growth from a plant
<b>Renal</b>	- Of the kidneys	<b>Short-change</b>	- To give back less than what actually should be given back
<b>Requisition</b>	- An official demand or request	<b>Siamese twins</b>	- Those joined together from birth at some part of their bodies
<b>Rescind</b>	- To make void, as an act, by the enacting authority or by a superior authority.	<b>Side Effect</b>	- An unwanted effect happening in addition to the intended one
<b>Resonance</b>	- Sound produced in one object by sound waves from another	<b>Signatory</b>	- Any of those who sign an agreement
<b>Retribution</b>	- A severe which was punishment	<b>Sill</b>	- The flat piece at the base of a window
<b>Revisionism</b>	- The questioning of the main beliefs of an already existing political system	<b>Singsong</b>	- A repeated rising and falling of the voice in speaking
<b>Rhyme</b>	- To end with the same sound, including a vowel	<b>Skyscraper</b>	- A very tall modern city building
<b>Right-hand Man</b>	- One's most useful and valuable helper	<b>Sleeping Partner</b>	- A partner in a business who takes no active part
<b>Ringleader</b>	- One who leads others to do wrong or make trouble	<b>Slip-up</b>	- A slight unintentional mistake.
<b>Riviera</b>	- A warm stretch of coast on the Mediterranean sea popular with holiday makers	<b>Small Fry</b>	- A young or unimportant person
<b>Rodent</b>	- A small herbivore with strong sharp long front teeth	<b>Smokestack</b>	- The tall chimney of a factory or a ship
<b>Rolling Stone</b>	- One who travels around a lot and has no fixed address or responsibilities	<b>Snippet</b>	- A short piece from something spoken or written
<b>Rosary</b>	- A string of beads used for counting prayers	<b>Socialite</b>	- A person well known for going to fashionable parties
<b>Roving eye</b>	- Sexual interests that pass quickly from one person to another	<b>Sociology</b>	- The scientific study of societies and human behaviour in groups
<b>Rubber Stamp</b>	- One who acts only to make official the decisions already made by another	<b>Solidarity</b>	- Loyal agreement of interests, aims, or principles among a group
<b>Ruling</b>	- An official decision of a court	<b>Somnambulism</b>	- The habit of walking about while asleep
<b>Rung</b>	- Any of the cross-bars that form the steps of a ladder	<b>SOS</b>	- An urgent message from someone in trouble
<b>Saboteur</b>	- One who practices sabotage	<b>Souvenir</b>	- An object kept as a reminder of something
<b>Salve</b>	- (or Ointment) An oily substance for putting on a cut, wound, etc.	<b>Spatial</b>	- Connected with space
<b>Sapient</b>	- Wise and full of deep knowledge	<b>Spectacle</b>	- A grand public show or scene
<b>Scaffolding</b>	- A structure built from poles and boards for workmen to stand on	<b>Spindle</b>	- A machine part round which something turns
<b>Scalp</b>	- The skin on the top of the human head	<b>Splinter</b>	- A small sharp-pointed piece of wood broken off something
<b>Sceptical</b>	- Unwilling to believe a claim or promise	<b>Sportsmanship</b>	- A spirit of honest fair play
<b>Scraps</b>	- Pieces of food not eaten at a meal and thrown away	<b>Sprig</b>	- A small end of a stem or branch with leaves
<b>Scuba</b>	- An instrument used for breathing while swimming underwater	<b>Stallion</b>	- A fully-grown male horse kept for breeding
<b>Seam</b>	- A line of stitches joining two pieces of cloth, leather, etc.	<b>Standard-bearer</b>	- An important leader in a moral argument or movement
<b>Sedentary</b>	- Anything done while sitting down	<b>Statesman</b>	- A political leader who is respected as being wise, honourable, and fair-minded
<b>Seer</b>	- One who can see into the future	<b>Stellar</b>	- Of the stars
<b>Seismic</b>	- Of or caused by earthquakes	<b>Sticking Point</b>	- Something that prevents an agreement
<b>Seller's Market</b>	- Where there are not many goods for sale	<b>Stock Broker</b>	- One whose job is buying and selling shares and debentures for others
		<b>Stoic</b>	- One who is indifferent to joys/sorrows
		<b>Stooge</b>	- One who habitually does what another person wants
		<b>Stratagem</b>	- A trick to deceive an enemy
		<b>Strategist</b>	- A person skilled in planning, especially of



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<b>Stride</b>	- A long step in walking.	<b>Turf</b>	- A surface made up of earth and a thick covering of grass
<b>Strobe Light</b>	- A light which goes on and off very quickly	<b>Tutelage</b>	- The act of training or the state of being under instruction.
<b>Subcutaneous</b>	- Beneath the skin	<b>Tyrant</b>	- A ruler with complete power, who rules cruelly and unjustly
<b>Sub Judge</b>	- A legal case being considered in court	<b>Tyro</b>	- One slightly skilled in or acquainted with any trade or profession.
<b>Subsidy</b>	- Money paid by the government to reduce prices	<b>Underling</b>	- A person of low rank in relation to another
<b>Superannuated</b>	- Too old for work	<b>Undermanned</b>	- Not having enough workers
<b>Surety</b>	- One who takes responsibility for the behaviour of someone	<b>Unguent</b>	- A thick oily substance used on the skin to heal it
<b>Surreal</b>	- Having a strange dreamlike unreal quality	<b>Unisex</b>	- Of one type used by both male and female
<b>Swarm</b>	- A large group of insects moving in a mass	<b>Upholstery</b>	- A comfortable covering and filling for a seat
<b>Sweet Tooth</b>	- A liking for sweet and sugary things	<b>Valise</b>	- A small bag used while travelling
<b>Sword of Damocles</b>	- Something bad that may happen at any time	<b>Vase</b>	- A decorative container used to put flowers in
<b>Tactile</b>	- Of the sense of touch	<b>Vendor</b>	- A seller of small articles that can be carried about
<b>Take-home Pay</b>	- Wages left after all taxes, deductions, etc, have been made	<b>Vertebrate</b>	- A living creature which has a backbone
<b>Tannery</b>	- A Place where animal skin is made into leather	<b>Vicissitude</b>	- A change, especially a complete change, of condition or circumstances, as of fortune.
<b>Tarot</b>	- A set of 22 cards used for telling the future	<b>Vinous</b>	- Of or pertaining to wine
<b>Tautology</b>	- is redundancy, which consists of needless repetition of meaning in other words. Example: audible to the ear, return back, One after another in succession, etc.	<b>Voluntary</b>	- Done willingly, without being forced
<b>Taxonomy</b>	- The system of putting plants and animals into various classes	<b>Wade</b>	- To walk through water
<b>Technocrat</b>	- A highly skilled specialist in charge of an organisation	<b>Walkout</b>	- Leaving a meeting as an expression of disapproval
<b>Teller</b>	- One who is employed to receive and pay out money in a bank	<b>Wardrobe</b>	- A large cupboard in which one hangs up clothes
<b>Tenure</b>	- The act, right, or period of holding land or a job	<b>Wasteland</b>	- Empty, unproductive, usually barren land
<b>Territorial waters</b>	- The sea near a country's coast over which it has legal control	<b>Waterloo</b>	- A severe defeat after a time of unusual success
<b>Testamentary</b>	- Of or done according to a will	<b>Weakling</b>	- One who lacks physical strength or strength of character
<b>Thatch</b>	- Roof covering of straw, reeds, etc.	<b>Wean</b>	- To transfer (the young) from dependence on mother's milk to another form of nourishment.
<b>Thermal</b>	- Of heat	<b>Weather-beaten</b>	- Marked or damaged by the force of wind, sun, rain, etc.
<b>Thorax</b>	- The part between the neck and the abdomen	<b>Wheeler-dealer</b>	- One who is skilled at making profitable or successful deals
<b>Thrombosis</b>	- Having a clot in a blood vessel or the heart	<b>Whirlpool</b>	- A place with circular currents of water, which can pull objects down into it
<b>Topiary</b>	- The art of cutting trees and bushes into decorative shapes of animals and birds	<b>Wholesale</b>	- The business of selling goods to shopkeepers
<b>Touchstone</b>	- Something used as a test or standard	<b>Wit</b>	- The ability to say clever and amusing things
<b>Tract</b>	- A short piece dealing with a religious or moral subject	<b>Wizard</b>	- One who has magic powers
<b>Traitor</b>	- One who is disloyal to one's country	<b>Word Blindness</b>	- (or dyslexia) Difficulty in seeing the difference between letter shapes
<b>Transient</b>	- One who or that which is only of temporary existence.	<b>Workaholic</b>	- One who likes to work too hard
<b>Transmogrify</b>	- To change completely as if by magic	<b>Working knowledge</b>	- Enough practical knowledge to do something
<b>Transpire</b>	- To happen or occur or become known. Example: It transpired at the meeting that he was going to be our next President.	<b>Wreckage</b>	- The broken parts of a destroyed thing
<b>Treatise</b>	- A serious book or article that examines a particular subject.	<b>Wretch</b>	- An unfortunate or unhappy person
<b>Tribunal</b>	- A court of people officially appointed to deal with special matters.	<b>Xenophobia</b>	- Fear of strange or foreign people, customs, etc.
<b>Troglodyte</b>	- One who lives in a cave.	<b>Yeoman service</b>	- Great and loyal service, help, or support
<b>Trousseau</b>	- The personal possessions that a woman brings with her when she marries.	<b>Yuppie</b>	- A young person in a professional job with a high-income
<b>Tunnel Vision</b>	- A condition in which one can see only straight ahead		

## WORD LIST

Given below is a list of words placed in alphabetical order. Each word is followed by a few of its synonyms. Note these words whenever you come across them. You should be familiar with most of the words for which synonyms are given if you have done all the exercises till this point thoroughly. So, this list will be giving you synonyms for the words which you know. Thus learning will be easier.

- **A**bandon : Leave, desert, forsake
- Abase : Degrade, disgrace, humiliate
- Abhor : Hate, loathe, detest
- Abridge : Shorten, abbreviate
- Absolute : Unalterable, unrestricted, unconditional
- Absurd : Ridiculous, silly, foolish
- Abundant : Ample, plentiful
- Accessory : Additional, auxiliary, subsidiary
- Adept : Proficient, skilled, expert
- Adherent : Follower, stickler
- Adhesive : Sticky, glue, gum
- Admire : Praise, adore, esteem
- Adore : Respect, idolise, worship, admire
- Adversity : Misery, misfortune
- Affliction : Distress, sorrow, sadness
- Alien : Foreign, stranger, unknown
- Alive : Lively, vivacious, living
- Alleviate : Relieve, lighten, ease
- Alms : Gratuity, donation, grant
- Amend : Improve, change, emend
- Amicable : Suitable, friendly, lovable, amiable
- Anxiety : Eagerness, misgiving, worry
- Apathy : Indifference, neutrality
- Appalling : Terrific, terrifying, dreadful, horrible
- Apposite : Apt, suitable, well chosen
- Appraise : Evaluate, estimate
- Apprehend : Seize, fear, arrest
- Arbitrary : Despot, wayward
- Assent : Agree, consent, acquiesce
- Astonish : Astound, surprise, amaze, bewilder
- Audacious : Bold, courageous, daring
- Aversion : Dislike, detestation, hostility, hatred
- **B**ase : Mean, low, ignoble
- Beg : Implore, ask, beseech, solicit
- Behaviour : Conduct, deportment, way, demeanour
- Brave : Courageous, intrepid, bold, daring, valiant
- Brisk : Active, fast, quick, busy, alert
- Brittle : Frail, fragile
- Brutal : Animal, savage, beastly, cruel
- Burglar : Thief, bandit, brigand, stealer
- Bystander : Spectator, onlooker, beholder
- **C**alculate : Estimate, count, reckon, compute
- Callous : Hard, indifferent, cold-blooded
- Calm : Cool, confident, quiet, serene, tranquil
- Cancel : Annual, withdraw, revoke, delete
- Candid : Sincere, straightforward, frank
- Captive : Prisoner, confined, jailed, bonded
- Cause : Make, originate, induce, generate, create
- Censor : Cut off, prohibit, ban
- Censure : Blame, condemn, reprove, reprimand
- Character : Letter, emblem, type, OR nature, disposition, quality
- Charity : Philanthropy, benevolence
- Chaste : Pure, immaculate, virgin, refined
- Chatter : Babble, ramble, talk, discourse
- Cheat : Defraud, gull, outwit, dupe
- Cite : Quote, mention, name, adduce
- Clothes : Apparel, attire, dress, garb
- Colossal : Huge, gigantic, enormous, big
- Commence : Begin, start
- Commensurate : Equivalent, suitable, applicable, proportionate
- Conceal : Hide, cover, shelter, disguise
- Confess : Admit, acknowledge, reveal, agree
- Confuse or confound : Mix, perplex, astonish, Amaze, bewilder
- Consequent : Following, resultant, outcome
- Conspiracy : Plot, intrigue, treason
- Convict : Felon, culprit, criminal, guilty
- Cowardly : Craven, dastardly, fearful, poltroon
- Coy : Modest, shy, reserved
- Crafty : Artful, adroit, dextrous, cunning, deceitful
- Crazy : Mad, insane, silly
- Credence : Belief, faith, trust, confidence
- Crisis : Turning point, emergency, decisive moment
- Criterion : Test, touchstone, standard, yardstick
- Criticism : Analysis, review, stricture
- Cruel : Brutal, unmerciful, beastly, savage
- Cynical : Captious, incredulous, sarcastic, morose
- **D**anger : Hazard, risk, peril
- Dash : Run, rush, fly
- Dastardly : Cowardly, invaliant, afraid, fearful
- Dawn : Daybreak, appear, (sunrise), begin
- Deadly : Fatal, lethal, destructive
- Dearth : Scarcity, lack, want
- Debase : Degrade, defame, disparage, humiliate
- Decay : Decompose, rot, decline in power, wealth, waste, wither, fade
- Decease : Death, demise, end
- Deceit : Fraud, cheating, forgery
- Decipher : Translate, interpret, solve, explain
- Decorum : Decency, etiquette, propriety, gravity
- Decree : Law, edict, ordinance, mandate, judgement
- Defamation : Calumny, disparagement, debasement
- Defection : Abandonment, desertion
- Defer : Postpone, delay
- Deference : Respect, reverence, honour
- Deformity : Disfigurement, malformation, ugliness
- Dejected : Depressed, distressed, downhearted,

- Delectable : Charming, delightful, pleasant
- Delegate : Commission, depute, authorise
- Deliberate : Knowingly done, intentional, forcible
- Delicacy : Softness, nicety, slenderness, refinement, purity
- Delusion : Illusion, fancy, error, false belief
- Demeanour : Behaviour, conduct, bearing
- Demise : Death, decease
- Demolish : Break, destroy, annihilate
- Demure : Modest, coy, humane
- Denomination : Name, appellation, designation
- Denounce : Accuse, malign, criticise, defame, condemn
- Deny : Contradict, refuse, disavow, withhold
- Deride : Ridicule, mock, taunt
- Descant : Discourse, expatiate, enlarge
- Desire : Wish, long for, crave, covet
- Desolate : Lonely, deserted, solitary, devastated
- Despise : Condemn, dislike
- Despondency : Despair, dejection, hopelessness
- Despotic : Arbitrary, tyrannical, illegal
- Destitute : Needy, poor, miserable, indigent
- Destruction : Ruin, demolition, ravage
- Detain : Lock in, arrest, hold, custody
- Detest : Despise, abhor, dislike
- Dethrone : Depose, remove (from office)
- Devastate : Ruin, demolition, ravage
- Devoid : Lacking, empty, vacant
- Devout : Religious, reverent
- Dexterity : Adroitness, cleverness, skill
- Diabolical : Fiendish, devilish, wicked
- Diatribe : Tirade, denunciation
- Dictatorial : Tyrannical, arbitrary, despotic
- Diffident : Hesitating, doubtful, distrusting
- Digression : Excursion, deviation, misguidance
- Diligence : Care, industry, effort
- Dire : Terrible, awful, horrible; miserable
- Disapprove : Condemn, reject, disallow
- Disavow : Deny, refuse
- Disciple : Follower, learner, student
- Disclose : Reveal, tell, uncover, divulge
- Disconsolate : Sad, cheerless, miserable
- Discredit : Disbelieve, doubt, disgrace
- Disgust : Abhorrence, dislike, detestation
- Dismay : Disappointment, discouragement
- Disorder : Disease, illness, OR untidiness, uncleanliness
- Disown : Disclaim, deny, renounce
- Disparage : Debase, decry, defame
- Dispose : Adjust, arrange, incline
- Dispute : Argument, controversy, altercation
- Disregard : Neglect, overlook, disrespect
- Dissolute : Corrupt, mean, lax, licentious
- Distaste : Abhorrence, dislike, detestation
- Distorted : Blurred, maligned, changed, disguised, deformed, misrepresented
- Distress : Affliction, depression, misery
- Divert : Turn aside, deflect, deviate
- Divine : Heavenly, metaphysical, godlike
- Divulge : Reveal, uncover, disclose
- Docile : Amenable, tractable, submissive
- Doctrine : Precept, principle, teaching
- Dogmatic : Categorical, authoritative, firm, preachy
- Dolt : Blockhead, stupid, fool, idiot, dullard
- Domicile : Dwelling, home, residence
- Dotage : Senility, imbecility
- Downright : Simple, unquestionable, blunt, frank
- Dread : Apprehend, fear
- Drench : Soak, wet
- Drowsy : Sleepy, comatose, lazy, lethargic
- Dubious : Suspicious, doubtful, unreliable
- Ductile : Pliant, yielding, flexible
- Dupe : Cheat, befool, steal
- Dwindle : Shrink, diminish, decrease
- **E**arnest : Eager, ardent, intent, anxious, sincere
- Eccentric : Irregular, anomalous, abnormal, odd
- Economise : Save, retrench
- Ecstasy : Trance, enchantment, rapture
- Efface : Blot out, obliterate, destroy
- Effeminate : Womanly, weak, unmanly
- Efficacy : Energy, virtue, potency
- Egotistic : Self-centered, egoist, self-conceited
- Egregious : Conspicuously bad, sinful, monstrous, shocking
- Elaborate : Explain, discuss, elucidate
- Elevated : Elated, promoted, upgraded, risen
- Eliminate : Remove, replace, dismiss, discard
- Eloquence : Oratory, rhetoric, finery (of speech) fluency of expression
- Emanate : Originate, proceed, spring, issue
- Emancipate : Free, deliver, liberate
- Embarrass : Vex, confuse, entangle
- Embezzle : Steal, peculate, cheat
- Embody : Incorporate, include, comprise
- Emolument : Salary, wage, remuneration
- Emulate : Compete, rival, vie against, copy
- Enchant : Charm, bewitch, hypnotise
- Encompass : Surround, encircle
- Encounter : Come across, combat, fight
- Encroach : Trespass, intrude, invade
- Endeavour : Attempt, effort, aspiration
- Endorse : Back, approve, ratify
- Endurance : Patience, continuance, fortitude
- Enfranchise : Liberate, free, (also: give right to vote)
- Enlighten : Illuminate, edify, elaborate
- Enmity : Hostility, hatred, animosity
- Enormous : Big, huge, colossal, gigantic
- Enrage : Infuriate, madden, incense, irritate
- Ensure : Succeed, follow, result
- Entangle : Ravel, involve, perplex
- Enterprize : Undertaking, venture, endeavour

- Enthusiasm : Zeal, ardour, interest
- Entice : Allure, tempt, seduce, attract
- Entreat : Beseech, implore, beg
- Entwine : Encircle, surround, encompass
- Enumerate : Count, number one by one
- Enunciate : Declare, publish, propound, reveal
- Envoy : Legate, messenger, ambassador
- Epoch : Era, time, age
- Equivocal : Doubtful, Ambiguous, uncertain
- Eradicate : Root out, extirpate, annihilate
- Erroneous : Wrong, false
- Erudite : Learned, scholarly, lettered
- Esteem : Admire, appreciate, adore, respect
- Eulogy : Laudation, praise, extolling, felicitation
- Evidence : Testimony, proof, witness
- Evince : Show, manifest, demonstrate
- Exact : Extort, oppress, loot
- Exaggerate : Amplify, overstate
- Excerpt : Extract, quotations
- Exile : Expulsion, banishment, expatriation
- Exonerate : Acquit, absolve, release
- Exorbitant : Excessive, too much, very high
- Extinguish : Quench, terminate, destroy, put out
- Extravagant : Excessive, lavish, stylish
- Exuberant : Abundant, plentiful
- Exult : Triumph, rejoice, delight
  
- **F**able : Story, legend, myth, fiction
- Fabricate : Construct, forge, invent
- Fabulous : Fictitious, mythical, exaggerated
- Facile : Fluent, ready, glib (of writing), pliable, docile, tractable
- Faction : Clique, cabal, discord, section
- Fallacy : Deception, illusion, mistake
- Falter : Waver, hesitate, delay, flounder
- Famine : Hunger, starvation, scarcity of food
- Fanatical : Bigoted, enthusiastic
- Fancy : Liking, conception, craving, whim
- Farcical : Droll, comic, extravagant
- Fascinate : Charm, bewitch, attract
- Fastidious : Particular, over-nice, squeamish
- Fatal : Deadly, lethal, mortal
- Fatigue : Weakness, exhaustion, tiredness
- Feeble : Weak, frail, dim
- Felicitate : Congratulate, compliment
- Felicity : Joy, happiness, good luck
- Felon : Criminal, sinner, guilty, bandit
- Ferment : Excite, agitate
- Ferocity : Fierceness, vehemence, fanaticism
- Fervent : Glowing, heated, impassioned
- Fervour : Warmth, glow, vehemence
- Festivity : Gaiety, merry-making
- Fetter : Shackle, bind, imprison
- Feud : Dispute, broil, strife
- Fickle : Changeable, vacillating, varying
- Fiendish : Devilish, diabolical, malignant
- Figurative : Typical, imaginative, emblematic, metaphorical
- Filthy : Dirty, foul, nasty
- Fissure : Crevice, rift, narrow opening
- Flaccid : Soft, loose, weak
- Flatter : Adore, please, praise
- Fleece : Rob, despoil, cheat
- Flexible : Variable, pliable, changeable
- Flimsy : Transparent, thin, trivial, tenuous
- Flounder : Stumble, falter, wallow, struggle
- Fluctuate : Undulate, waver, vacillate
- Flutter : Flip, quiver, ruffle, agitate
- Folly : Absurdity, silliness, imprudence, foolishness
- Fondle : Caress, touch, rub
- Foray : Incursion, inroad, venture
- Forbearance : Abstaining, refraining
- Forbid : Prohibit, disallow, debar
- Forebode : Betoken, indicate, augur
- Forlorn : Disconsolate, cheerless, distressed, abandoned, lonely
- Formidable : Dreadful, difficult, hard to overcome
- Fragile : Weak, feeble, slender, delicate
- Fragrant : Odorous, balmy, soothing
- Frailty : Weakness, delicacy, fragileness
- Frantic : Frenzied, mad, distracted
- Fraudulent : Dishonest, cheating, deceitful
- Fray : Battlefield, combat, brawl
- Frisk : Skip, dance, caper, frolic
- Frivolous : Vain, foolish, trivial
- Frugal : Economical, thrifty
- Futile : Useless, hopeless, in vain
  
- **G**aiety : Hilarity, jollity, festivity
- Gainsay : Contradict, dispute, controvert, deny
- Gallantry : Courage, bravery, heroism
- Garbage : Filth, waste, useless, throwaway, trash
- Garner : Accumulate, collect, gather
- Garrulous : Prattling, chattering
- Gawky : Awkward, clumsy
- Gay : Happy, merry, joyous
- Generous : Noble, magnanimous, kind, liberal
- Genteel : Well-bred, well-cultured, polite, refined
- Genuine : True, authentic, real
- Ghastly : Horrible, horrifying, horrific
- Ghost : Phantom, spirit, spectre
- Glimmer : Shine, flash, gleam
- Glimpse : Glance, (quick) look, (brief) view
- Glisten : Shine, beam, glow
- Gloom : Depression, melancholy, loneliness
- Glutinous : Sticky, viscous
- Gluttonous : Greedy, gorging, voracious
- Grandeur : Splendour, magnificence, glory
- Grapple : Grasp, clutch, seize
- Gratification : Satisfaction, enjoyment
- Gravity : Seriousness, importance, calmness
- Greed : Avarice, ravenous, envious, covetous
- Grievance : Hardship, complaint, trouble
- Grotesque : Horrifying, contorted, bizzare, whimsical
- Grudge : Grievance, begrudge, resent
- Gullible : Simple, easy, pliable, credulous
- **H**allucination : Delusion, illusion, nightmare

- Hamper : Impede, block, fetter, bind
- Hapless : Unfortunate, unlucky
- Harangue : a lengthy speech, oration
- Hardship : Trouble, adversity, difficulty
- Haughty : Arrogant, overbearing, imperious
- Havoc : Devastation, destruction, ruin
- Hearty : Sincere, warm, ardent
- Heave : Raise, lift
- Hedge : Fence, hem
- Heed : Advise, note, consider, mind
- Heinous : Atrocious, odious, wicked
- Hem : Border, edge, fringe, outskirt
- Herculean : Colossal, laborious, excessive
- Heterogeneous : Dissimilar, unlike, different, diverse, varied
- Hideous : Terrific, horrible, filthy
- Hilarious : Exceedingly, funny, boisterously merry, amusing, joyous
- Hindrance : Impediment, hampering, obstruction, obstacle
- Histrionic : Theatrical, dramatic
- Hoax or Humbug : Dupe, cheat, befool
- Homage : Deference, salute, worshipping
- Horizon : Verge, limit, skyline
- Hostile : Adverse, opposing, inimical
- Hover : remain in one place in the air, remain suspended, linger
- Humane : Compassionate, caring, benevolent
- Humiliate : Abase, insult, mock, defy
- Humorous : Amusing, laughable, comical
- Hypocrisy : Pretence, imposture, deceit
- **I**dolise : Adore, worship, admire
- Illegal or Illicit : Unlawful, prohibited
- Illogical : Inconsequent, irrational
- Imitate : Copy, follow, mimic, emulate
- Immaculate : Spotless, stainless, perfect
- Immature : Crude, childish, unseasoned
- Imminent : Impending, near, due, threatening
- Immodest : Indecent, indelicate, unchaste
- Immortal : Everlasting, undying, endless
- Impassioned : Fervent, frenzied, fanatical
- Impeachment : Imputation, accusation
- Implicit : Implied, assumed, inferred
- Impostor : Cheat, conman, charlatan
- Impracticable : Impossible, (merely) theoretical
- Impressive : Striking, affecting, extraordinary
- Impunity : Exemption (from punishment)
- Inane : Empty, silly, idiotic
- Inarticulate : Voiceless, indistinct, inexpressive
- Incense : Infuriate, enrage, anger
- Incessant : Unceasing, continual
- Incognito : (Identity) Concealed, secretly, stealthily
- Inculcate : Instil, enforce, pass on, generate
- Inculpate : Blame, incriminate
- Incumbent : Compulsory, obligatory, binding
- Incursion : Inroad, foray, venture
- Indefatigable : Tireless, assiduous
- Indict : Accuse, charge
- Indiscriminate : Mixed, undistinguished, confused,
- Indolence : Apathy, inactivity, laziness, sluggishness, lethargy
- Industrious : Busy, active, tireless
- Inevitable : Unavoidable, certain, sure
- Inexorable : Relentless, indefatigable
- Infallible : Unfailing, unerring, certain
- Infectious : Catching, contaminating, corrupting, transmittable
- Infer : Gather, conclude, deduce
- Influence : Authority, effect, power
- Infringe : Break, violate, transgress, encroach
- Ingredient : Constituent, component, element
- Inherent : Inborn, innate, built-in
- Inhibition : Restraint, check
- Iniquitous : Unjust, wrong, unfair
- Initiate : Start, begin, inchoate
- Innocuous : Harmless, mild, innocent
- Insanity : Madness, lunacy, mania
- Insidious : Deceitful, treacherous
- Instantaneous : Immediate, Sudden, quick
- Instigate : Arouse, misguide, provoke
- Intact : Untouched, unscathed, whole, unbroken, undamaged, unimpaired, entire
- Integrity : Oneness, entirety, completeness, honesty, wholeness, soundness
- Intellectual : Intelligent, rational, learned
- Intentional : Deliberate, intended,
- Intercourse : Intimacy, association, communication
- Intermission : Suspension, stoppage, pause, cessation, interval
- Intervene : Interpose, mediate
- Intimate : Close, tender, friendly or informal, advertise, inform
- Intolerable : Unendurable, unbearable
- Intransigent : Uncompromising, inflexible
- Intrepid : Brave, fearless
- Intricate : Complex, difficult, complicated
- Intuition : Insight, premonition, instinct
- Inveterate : Habitual, deep-rooted
- Involuntary : Compulsory, unwilling, reflex
- Irrksome : Annoying, disagreeable, tedious
- Irresolute : Wavering, confused, vacillating
- Itinerant : Travelling (on a circuit), wandering, nomadic
- **J**aded : Tired, weary
- Jargon : cant, technical language, gibberish
- Jocose : Jocular, humorous
- Jocular : Inclined to joke.
- Jovial : Merry.
- Judicious : Prudent.
- Juxtaposition : Closeness, nearness
- **K**iosk : Stand (open on one side), booth
- Knead : Work up (into dough), press, squeeze

- **L**acerate : Tear (tissue toughly), mangle
- Lachrymose : Given to shedding tears.
- Lackadaisical : Listless.
- Laconic : (Briskly) Short, concise, pithy
- Languid : Listless, spiritless
- Languish : Die (with hunger or desire), weaken, droop
- Lascivious : Lustful.
- Lassitude : Weariness, tiredness
- Latent : Hidden, concealed
- Laudable : Praiseworthy.
- Legacy : A bequest.
- Legitimate : Genuine, lawful
- Levity : Frivolity.
- Libel : Defamation.
- Licentious : Wanton.
- Lithe : Supple.
- Loquacious : Talkative.
- Lustrous : Shining.
- **M**alaise : A condition of uneasiness or ill-being.
- Malevolence : Ill will.
- Malleable : Pliant.
- Mawkish : Sickening or insipid.
- Mellifluous : Sweetly or smoothly flowing.
- Mendacious : Untrue.
- Mendicant : A beggar.
- Mesmerize : To hypnotize.
- Meticulous : Over-cautious.
- Mettle : Courage.
- Mien : The external appearance or manner of a person.
- Moderation : Temperance.
- Modicum : A small or token amount.
- Mollify : To soothe.
- Mordant : Biting.
- Moribund : On the point of dying.
- Morose : Gloomy.
- Multifarious : Having great diversity or variety.
- Mundane : Worldly, as opposed to spiritual or celestial.
- Munificent : Extraordinarily generous.
- Myriad : A vast indefinite number.
- **N**adir : The lowest point.
- Nefarious : Wicked in the extreme.
- Negligent : Apt to omit what ought to be done.
- Neophyte : Having the character of a beginner.
- Noxious : Hurtful.
- Nugatory : Having no power or force.
- **O**bdurate : Impassive to feelings of humanity or pity.
- Obfuscate : To darken; to obscure.
- Oblique : Slanting; said of lines.
- Obstreperous : Boisterous.
- Odious : Hateful.
- Odium : A feeling of extreme repugnance, or of dislike and disgust.
- Ominous : Portentous.
- Onerous : Burdensome or oppressive.
- Onus : A burden or responsibility.
- **P**alate : The roof of the mouth.
- Palatial : Magnificent.
- Palliate : To cause to appear less guilty.
- Palpable : Perceptible by feeling or touch.
- Panoply : A full set of armor.
- Paragon : A model of excellence.
- Pariah : A member of a degraded class; a social outcast.
- Paroxysm : A sudden outburst (of any kind of activity).
- Paucity : Fewness.
- Pellucid : Translucent.
- Penchant : A bias in favor of something.
- Penurious : Excessively sparing in the use of money.
- Penury : Indigence.
- Peremptory : Precluding question or appeal.
- Perfidy : Treachery.
- Perfunctory : Half-hearted.
- Peripatetic : Walking about.
- Perjury : A solemn assertion of a falsity.
- Permeate : To pervade.
- Pernicious : Tending to kill or hurt.
- Persiflage : Banter.
- Perspicacity : Acuteness or discernment.
- Perturbation : Mental excitement or confusion.
- Petulant : Displaying impatience.
- Phlegmatic : Not easily roused to feeling or action.
- Pique : To excite a slight degree of anger in.
- Plea : An argument (to obtain some desired action).
- Plenary : Entire.
- Plethora : Excess; superabundance.
- Poignant : Severely painful or acute to the spirit.
- Polyglot : Speaking several tongues.
- Ponderous : Unusually weighty or forcible.
- Portent : Anything that indicates what is to happen.
- Pragmatic : Practical(values), empirical
- Precarious : Critical, dangerous
- Preclude : To prevent.
- Precocious : Advanced (in development), overforward, premature
- Predilection : Preference, partiality, inclination
- Predominate : To be chief in importance, quantity, or degree.
- Preposterous : (Very) Absurd, ridiculous
- Prerogative : (Special) Right, privilege
- Presage : To foretell.

- Prescience : Knowledge of events before they take place.
- Preternatural : Extraordinary.
- Prim : Stiffly proper.
- Pristine : Primitive.
- Probity : Virtue or integrity tested and confirmed.
- Proclivity : A natural inclination.
- Procrastination : Delay.
- Prodigious : Large, immense
- Profligate : Immoral, wanton, reckless, dissolute, licentious
- Profuse : Produced or displayed in overabundance.
- Prolix : Verbose.
- Promiscuous : Indiscriminate, impure, casual
- Propinquity : Nearness, proximity
- Propitious : Kindly disposed.
- Prosaic : Unimaginative.
- Protagonist : Leading character, hero(ine)
- Providential : Fortunate, lucky
- Prudence : Caution.
- Puerile : Childish.
- Pugnacious : Quarrelsome.
- Puissant : Powerful, influential, mighty
- Punctilious : Exact (in formalities), ceremonious, conscientious
- Pungency : The quality of affecting the sense of smell.
- Pusillanimous : Without spirit or bravery.
- Putrefy : Decay, rot, decompose
- Pyre : A heap of combustibles arranged for burning a dead body.
  
- **Q**ualm : A fit of nausea.
- Quandary : Doubt, dilemma, plight
- Quibble : An utterly trivial distinction or objection.
- Quiescence : Being quiet, still, or at rest; inactive
- Quirk : Twist, quibble, deviation
- Quixotic : (Foolishly) Chivalrous, unrealistic, whimsical
  
- **R**abble : Throng (of the vulgar), crowd, proletariat
- Rabid : Furious, mad, fanatical
- Raconteur : A person skilled in telling stories.
- Raillery : Jest (language), banter, ridicule
- Ramify : To divide or subdivide into branches or subdivisions.
- Rampant : Rife, widespread
- Ramshackle : Dilapidated, tumbledown, rickety
- Rapacious : Seize by force, avaricious
- Raucous : Harsh.
- Recalcitrant : Stubborn, refractory
- Recluse : One who lives in retirement or seclusion.
- Recondite : Incomprehensible to one of ordinary understanding.
- Recuperate : To recover.
- Redoubtable : Formidable.
- Redundant : Wordy, repetitious, superfluous, needless
- Refractory : Not amenable to control.
- Regale : To give unusual pleasure.
- Regicide : The killing of a king or sovereign.
- Reiterate : To say or do again and again.
- Relapse : To suffer a return of a disease after partial recovery.
- Relegate : Assign a lower position, banish, demote
- Repast : A meal; figuratively, any refreshment.
- Repine : To indulge in fretfulness and faultfinding.
- Reprisal : (Injury in) Return, retaliation, revenge
- Reprobate : One abandoned to depravity and sin.
- Repudiate : Disavow, disclaim
- Resilience : The power of springing back to a former position
- Resonance : Able to reinforce sound by sympathetic vibrations.
- Respite : Interval of rest.
- Restive : Resisting control.
- Revere : To regard with worshipful veneration.
- Reverent : Humble.
- Rotund : Round from fullness or plumpness.
- Ruffian : A lawless or recklessly brutal fellow.
- Ruminant : To chew over again, as food previously swallowed and regurgitated.
  
- **S**agacious : Wise, shrewd, astute
- Salacious : Obscene, foul, indecent, lecherous
- Salubrious : Healthful; promoting health.
- Salutary : (Morally) Healthy, salubrious, beneficial
- Sanguine : Ardent, confident, optimistic
- Sardonic : Ironic, scornful, derisive
- Satiated : Gratify (fully), surfeit, saturate
- Satyr : A very lascivious person.
- Savor : To perceive by taste or smell.
- Schism : Disjunction, split
- Scribble : Hasty, careless writing.
- Sedition : Plotting (against government), incitement, insurgence
- Sedulous : Persevering in effort or endeavor.
- Severance : Separation.
- Sinecure : Any position (having emoluments with few or no duties).
- Sinuous : Curving in and out.
- Sluggard : A person habitually lazy or idle.
- Solace : Comfort in grief, trouble, or calamity.
- Solvent : Having sufficient funds to pay all debts.
- Somniferous : Tending to produce sleep.
- Somnolent : Sleepy.
- Soporific : Causing sleep; also, something that causes sleep.
- Sordid : Filthy, morally degraded
- Specious : Plausible.
- Spurious : Not genuine.
- Squalid : Having a dirty, mean, poverty-stricken appearance.
- Stanch : To stop the flowing of; to check.

- Stingy : Cheap, unwilling to spend money.
- Stolid : Expressing no power of feeling or perceiving.
- Submerge : To place or plunge under water.
- Subterfuge : Evasion.
- Succinct : Concise.
- Sumptuous : Rich and costly.
- Supercilious : Exhibiting haughty and careless contempt.
- Superfluous : Being more than is needed.
- Supernumerary : Superfluous.
- Supersede : To displace.
- Supine : Lying on the back.
- Supplicate : To beg.
- Suppress : To prevent from being disclosed or punished.
- Surcharge : An additional amount charged.
- Surfeit : To feed to fullness or to satiety.
- Susceptibility : A specific capability of feeling or emotion.

## T

- Taciturn : Disinclined to conversation.
- Taut : Stretched tight.
- Temerity : Foolhardy disregard of danger; recklessness.
- Terse : Pithy.
- Timorous : Lacking courage.
- Torpid : Dull; sluggish; inactive.
- Torrid : Excessively hot.
- Tortuous : Abounding in irregular bends or turns.
- Tractable : Easily led or controlled.
- Transgress : To break a law.
- Transitory : Existing for a short time only.
- Travail : Hard or agonizing labor.
- Travesty : A grotesque imitation.
- Trenchant : Cutting deeply and quickly.
- Trepidation : Nervous uncertainty of feeling.
- Trite : Made commonplace by frequent repetition.
- Truculence : Ferocity.
- Truculent : Having the character or the spirit of a savage.
- Turbid : In a state of turmoil; muddled
- Turgid : Swollen.
- Turpitude : Depravity.

## U

- Ubiquitous : Being present everywhere.
- Umbrage : A sense of injury.
- Unctuous : Oily.
- Undulate : To move like a wave or in waves.
- Untoward : Causing annoyance or hindrance.
- Upbraid : To reproach as deserving blame.

## V

- Vagary : A sudden desire or action
- Vainglory : Excessive, pretentious, and demonstrative vanity.
- Valorous : Courageous.
- Vapid : Having lost sparkling quality and flavor.
- Variegated : Having marks or patches of different colors; also, varied.
- Vehement : Very eager or urgent.
- Venal : Mercenary, corrupt.
- Veneer : Outside show or elegance.
- Venial : That may be pardoned or forgiven, a forgivable sin.
- Veracious : Habitually disposed to speak the truth.
- Veracity : Truthfulness.
- Verbiage : Use of many words without necessity.
- Verbose : Wordy.
- Verdant : Green with vegetation.
- Veritable : Real; true; genuine.
- Vestige : (A visible) trace, mark, or impression (of something absent, lost, or gone).
- Virago : Loud talkative women, strong statured women
- Virtu : Rare, curious, or beautiful quality.
- Visage : The face, countenance, or look of a person.
- Vitiate : To contaminate.
- Vituperate : To overwhelm with wordy abuse.
- Vivify : To endue with life.
- Vociferous : Making a loud outcry.
- Volatile : Changeable.
- Voluble : Having great fluency in speaking.

## W

- Whimsical : Capricious.
- Winsome : Attractive.