

## subside or moderate

Rather than leaving immediately, they waited for the storm to abate.

2

## shorten

Because we were running out of time, the lecturer had to abbreviate her speech.

1

## complete; totally unlimited; certain

Although the King of Siam was an absolute monarch, he did not want to behead his unfaithful wife without absolute evidence of her infidelity.

4

## unsuccessful; fruitless

We had to abandon our abortive attempts.

3

## coarsely insulting; physically harmful

An abusive parent damages a child both mentally and physically.

6

## theoretical; not concrete; non-represent

To him, hunger was an abstract concept; he had never missed a meal.

5

## easy to approach; obtainable

We asked our guide whether the ruins were accessible on foot.

8

## move faster

In our science class, we learn how falling bodies accelerate.

7

## depart secretly and hide

The teller absconded with the bonds and was not found.

10

## additional object; useful but not essent

She bought an attractive handbag as an accessory for her dress.

9

## suspended action

The deal was held in abeyance until her arrival.

12

## abnormal or deviant

Given the aberrant nature of the data, we came to doubt the validity of the entire experiment.

11

**make impure by mixing with baser sub**

It is a crime to adulterate foods without informing the buyer.

14

**hard, inflexible**

He was adamant in his determination to punish the wrongdoer.

13

**lower; degrade; humiliate**

Anna expected to have to curtsy to the King of Siam; when told to cast herself down on the ground before him, however she refused to abase herself.

16

**poverty, misfortune**

We must learn to meet adversity gracefully.

15

**renounce; give up**

When Edward VII abdicated the British throne, he surprised the entire world.

18

**embarrass**

He was not at all abashed by her open admiration.

17

**wretched; lacking pride**

On the streets of New York the homeless live in abject poverty, huddling in doorways to find shelter from the wind.

20

**assist, usually in doing something wro**

She was unwilling to abet him in the swindle he had planned.

19

**washing**

His daily ablutions were accompanied by loud noises that he humorously labeled "Opera in the Bath."

22

**renounce upon oath**

He abjured his allegiance to the king.

21

**loathe; hate**

Moses scolded the idol worshippers in the tribe because he abominated the custom.

24

**renunciation; self-sacrifice**

Though Rudolph and Duchess Flavia loved one another, their love was doomed, for she had to wed the king; their act of abnegation was necessary to preserve the kingdom.

23

## abolish

He intended to abrogate the decree issued by his predecessor.

26

## rubbing away; tending to grind down

Just as abrasive cleaning powders can wear away a shiny finish, abrasive remarks can wear away a listener's patience.

25

## refrain; withhold from participation

After considering the effect of alcohol on his athletic performance, he decided to abstain from drinking while he trained for the race.

28

## pardon (an offense)

The father confessor absolved him of his sins.

27

## bottomless

His arrogance is exceeded only by his abysmal ignorance.

30

## border upon; adjoin

Where our estates abut, we must build a fence.

29

## adjust to climate or environment

One of the difficulties of our present air age is the need of travellers to acclimate themselves to their new and often strange environments.

32

## agree

If I accede to this demand for blackmail, I am afraid that I will be the victim of future demands.

31

## award of merit

In Hollywood, an "Oscar" is the highest accolade.

34

## sharp upslope of a hill

The car could not go up the acclivity in high gear.

33

## approach and speak first to a person

When the two young men accosted me, I was frightened because I thought they were going to attack me.

36

## agreement

She was in complete accord with the verdict.

35

## growth; increase

The accretion of wealth marked the family's rise in power.

38

## equip

The fisherman was accoutred with the best that the sporting goods store could supply

37

## slightly sour; sharp; caustic

James was unpopular because of his sarcastic and acidulous remarks.

40

## come about by addition

You must pay the interest that has accrued on your debt as well as the principal sum.

39

## assent; agree passively

Although she appeared to acquiesce to her employer's suggestions, I could tell she had reservations about the changes he wanted made.

42

## peak; pinnacle; highest point

Welles's success in Citizen Kane marked the acme of his career as an actor; never again did he achieve such popular acclaim.

41

## sharp; bitterly pungent

The acrid odor of burnt gunpowder filled the room after the pistol had been fired.

44

## deliverance from a charge

His acquittal by the jury surprised those who had thought him guilty.

43

## calculating; pertaining to insurance sta

According to recent actuarial tables, life expectancy is greater today than it was a century ago.

46

## stinging, caustic

His tendency to utter acrimonious remarks alienated his audience.

45

## sharpness

In time his youthful acuity of vision failed him, and he needed glasses.

48

## motivate

I fail to understand what actuated you to reply to this letter so nastily.

47

## wise saying; proverb

There is much truth in the old adage about fools and their money.

50

## mental keenness

His business acumen helped him to succeed where others had failed.

49

## muddle; drive crazy

This idiotic plan is confusing enough to addle anyone.

52

## addition; appendix to book

Jane's editor approved her new comparative literature text but thought it would be even better with an addendum on recent developments in literary criticism.

51

## something attached to but holding an i

I will entertain this concept as an adjunct to the main proposal.

54

## supporter; follower

In the wake of the scandal, the senator's one-time adherent quietly deserted him.

53

## staff officer assisting the commander; a

Though Wellington delegated many tasks to his chief adjutant, Lord Fitzroy Somerset, Somerset was in no doubt as to who made all major decisions.

56

## solemn urging

Her adjuration to tell the truth did not change the witnesses' testimony.

55

## decorate

Wall paintings and carved statues adorned the temple.

58

## warn; reprove

He admonished his listeners to change their wicked ways.

57

## flattery; admiration

The rock star thrived on the adulation of his groupies and yes-men.

60

## skillful

His adroit handling of the delicate situation pleased his employers.

59

## accidental; casual

He found this adventitious meeting with his friend extremely fortunate.

62

## arrival

Most Americans were unaware of the advent of the Nuclear Age until the news of Hiroshima reached them.

61

## unfavorable; hostile

adverse circumstances compelled him to close his business.

64

## opponent; enemy

Batman struggled to save Gotham City from the machinations of his wicked adversary, the Joker.

63

## urge; plead for

The abolitionists advocated freedom for the slaves.

66

## refer to

Since you advert to this matter so frequently, you must regard it as important.

65

## courteous

Although he held a position of responsibility, he was an affable individual and could be reached by anyone with a complaint.

68

## shield; defense

Under the aegis of the Bill of Rights, we enjoy our most treasured freedoms.

67

## written statement made under oath

The court refused to accept his statement unless he presented it in the form of an affidavit.

70

## artificial; pretended

His affected mannerisms irritated many of us who had known him before his promotion.

69

## kinship

She felt an affinity with all who suffered; their pains were her pains.

72

## joining; associating with

His affiliation with the political party was of short duration for he soon disagreed with his colleagues.

71

**attach or add on; fasten**

First the registrar had to affix his signature to the license; then he had to affix his official seal.

74

**positive assertion; confirmation; solemn**

Despite Tom's affirmation of innocence, Aunt Polly still suspected he had eaten the pie.

73

**insult; offend**

Accustomed to being treated with respect, Miss Challoner was affronted by Vidal's offensive behavior.

76

**abundance; wealth**

Foreigners are amazed by the affluence and luxury of the American way of life.

75

**items of business at a meeting**

We had so much difficulty agreeing upon an agenda that there was very little time for the meeting.

78

**openmouthed**

She stared, agape, at the many strange animals in the zoo.

77

**increase or intensify; raise in power, weight**

The history of the past quarter century illustrates how a President may aggrandize his power to act aggressively in international affairs without considering the wishes of Congress.

80

**collection; heap**

It took weeks to assort the agglomeration of miscellaneous items she had collected on her trip.

79

**horrified**

He was aghast at the nerve of the speaker who had insulted his host.

82

**sum; total**

The aggregate wealth of this country is staggering to the imagination.

81

**stir up; disturb**

Her fiery remarks agitated the already angry mob.

84

**nimbleness**

The agility of the acrobat amazed and thrilled the audience.

83

## highly excited; intensely curious

We were all agog at the news that the celebrated movie star was giving up his career in order to enter a monastery.

86

## one who is skeptical of the existence of

The agnostic demanded proof before she would accept the statement of the minister.

85

## cheerful promptness

He demonstrated his eagerness to serve by his alacrity in executing the orders of his master.

88

## pertaining to land or its cultivation

As a result of its recent industrialization, the country is gradually losing its agrarian traditions.

87

## nook; recess

Though their apartment lacked a full-scale dining room, an alcove adjacent to the living room made an adequate breakfast nook for the young couple.

90

## medieval chemistry

The changing of baser metals into gold was the goal of the students of alchemy.

89

## make hostile; separate

Her attempts to alienate the two friends failed because they had complete faith in each other.

92

## an assumed name

John Smith's alias was Bob Jones.

91

## payments made to an ex-spouse after d

Because Tony had supported Tina through medical school, on their divorce he asked the court to award him \$500 a month in alimony.

94

## supplying nourishment

The alimentary canal in our bodies is so named because digestion of foods occurs there.

93

## state without proof

It is alleged that she had worked for the enemy.

96

## calm; pacify

The crew tried to allay the fears of the passengers by announcing that the fire had been controlled.

95



## relieve

This should alleviate the pain; if it does not, we shall have to use stronger drugs.

98

## story in which characters are used as sy

Pilgrim's Progress is an allegory of the temptations and victories of the human soul.

97

## mixture as of metals

alloy of gold are used more frequently than the pure metal.

100

## repetition of beginning sound in poetry

"The furrow followed free" is an example of alliteration.

99

## entice; attract

allured by the song of the sirens, the helmsman steered the ship toward the reef.

102

## refer indirectly

Try not to allude to this matter in his presence because the topic annoys him.

101

## pertaining to soil deposits left by runni

The farmers found the alluvial deposits at the mouth of the river very fertile.

104

## indirect reference

the allusions to mythological characters in Milton's poems bewilder the reader who has not studied Latin.

103

## upward

The sailor climbed aloft into the rigging.

106

## apart; reserved

Shy by nature, she remained aloof while all the rest conversed.

105

## unselfishly generous; concerned for oth

In providing tutorial assistance and college scholarships to hundreds of economically disadvantaged youths, Eugene Lang performed a truly altruistic deed.

108

## noisy quarrel

Throughout the altercation, not one sensible word was uttered.

107

## collect

The miser's aim is to amass and hoard as much gold as possible.

110

## combine; unite in one body

The unions will attempt to amalgamate their groups into one national body.

109

## capable of using either hand with equal

A switch-hitter in baseball should be naturally ambidextrous.

112

## female warrior

Ever since the days of Greek mythology we refer to strong and aggressive women as amazons.

111

## unclear or doubtful in meaning

His ambiguous instructions misled us; we did not know which road to take.

114

## environment; atmosphere

She went to the restaurant not for the food but for the ambience.

113

## moving at an easy pace

When she first mounted the horse, she was afraid to urge the animal to go faster than a gentle amble.

116

## the state of having contradictory or con

Torn between loving her parents one minute and hating them the next, she was confused by the ambivalence of her feelings.

115

## able to walk

He was described as an ambulatory patient because he was not confined to his bed.

118

## food of the gods

ambrosia was supposed to give immortality to any human who ate it.

117

## readily managed; willing to be led

He was amenable to any suggestions that came from those he looked up to; he resented advice from his inferiors.

120

## improve

Many social workers have attempted to ameliorate the conditions of people living in the slums.

119

## convenient features; courtesies

In addition to the customary amenities for the business traveler -- fax machines, modems, a health club -the hotel offers the services of a butler versed in social amenities.

122

## correct; change, generally for the better

Hoping to amend his condition, he left Vietnam for the United States.

121

## friendly

The dispute was settled in an amicable manner with no harsh words.

124

## agreeable; lovable

His amiable disposition pleased all who had dealings with him.

123

## friendship

Student exchange programs such as the Experiment in International Living were established to promote international amity.

126

## wrong; faulty

Seeing her frown, he wondered if anything were amiss.

125

## pardon

When his first child was born, the king granted amnesty to all in prison.

128

## loss of memory

Because she was suffering from amnesia, the police could not get the young girl to identify herself.

127

## moved by sexual love; loving

Don Juan was known for his amorous adventures.

130

## non-moral

The amoral individual lacks a code of ethics; he should not be classified as immoral.

129

## able to live both on land and in water

Frogs are classified as amphibian.

132

## shapeless; vague; indeterminate

John was subject to panic attacks that left him prey to vague, amorphous fears: he knew he was terrified, but could neither define nor explain the cause of his terror.

131

## abundant

He had ample opportunity to dispose of his loot before his police caught up with him.

134

## oval building with tiers of seats

The spectators in the amphitheater cheered the gladiators.

133

## cut off part of body; prune

When the doctors had to amputate Ted Kennedy's leg to prevent the spread of cancer, he did not let the loss of his leg keep him from participating in sports.

136

## enlarge

Her attempts to amplify her remarks were drowned out by the jeers of the audience.

135

## charm; talisman

Around her neck she wore the amulet that the witch doctor had given her.

138

## in a state of rage

The police had to be called in to restrain him after he ran amok in the department store.

137

## causing insensitivity to pain

The analgesic qualities of his lotion will provide temporary relief.

140

## something or someone misplaced in tir

Shakespeare's reference to clocks in Julius Caesar is an anachronism; no clocks existed in Caesar's time.

139

## similarity; parallelism

Your analogy is not a good one because the two situations are not similar.

142

## comparable

She called our attention to the things that had been done in an analogous situation and recommended that we do the same.

141

## absence of governing body; state of dis

The assassination of the leaders led to a period of anarchy.

144

## person who rebels against the establish

Only the total overthrow of all governmental regulations would satisfy the anarchist.

143

**curse**

The high priest anathematized the heretic.

146

**solemn curse; someone or something tl**

He heaped anathema upon his foe.

145

**servicing as an aid or accessory; auxiliar**

In an ancillary capacity Doctor Watson was helpful; however, Holmes could not trust the good doctor to solve a perplexing case on his own.

148

**secure or fasten firmly; be fixed in plac**

We set the post in concrete to anchor it in place.

147

**condition in which blood lacks red cor**

The doctor ascribes her tiredness to anemia.

150

**short account of an amusing or interest**

Rather than make concrete proposals for welfare reform, President Reagan told anecdotes about poor people who became wealthy despite their impoverished backgrounds.

149

**acute pain; extreme suffering**

Visiting the site of explosion, Premier Gorbachev wept to see the anguish of the victims and their families.

152

**substance that removes sensation with**

His monotonous voice acted like an anesthetic; his audience was soon asleep.

151

**critical remark**

He resented the animadversions of his critics, particularly because he realized they were true.

154

**sharp-cornered; stiff in manner**

His features, though angular, were curiously attractive.

153

**active enmity**

He incurred the animosity of the ruling class because he advocated limitations of their power.

156

**lively**

Her animated expression indicated a keenness of intellect.

155

## records; history

In the annals of this period, we find no mention of democratic movements.

158

## hostile feeling or intent

The animus of the speaker became obvious to all when he began to indulge in sarcastic and insulting remarks.

157

## destroy

The enemy in its revenge tried to annihilate the entire population.

160

## reduce brittleness and improve toughness

After the glass is annealed, it will be less subject to chipping and cracking.

159

## yearly allowance

The annuity he set up with the insurance company supplements his social security benefits so that he can live very comfortably without working.

162

## comment; make explanatory notes

In the appendix to the novel, the critic sought to annotate many of the more esoteric references.

161

## drug that relieves pain; opiate

His pain was so great that no anodyne could relieve it.

164

## make void

The parents of the eloped couple tried to annul the marriage.

163

## abnormal; irregular

He was placed in the anomalous position of seeming to approve procedures that he despised.

166

## consecrate

The prophet Samuel anointed David with oil, crowning him king of Israel.

165

## state of being nameless; anonymousness

The donor of the gift asked the college not to mention him by name; the dean readily agreed to respect his anonymity.

168

## irregularity

A bird that cannot fly is an anomaly.

167

## precede

The invention of the radiotelegraph anteceded the development of television by a quarter of a century.

170

## hostile; opposed

Despite his lawyers' best efforts to stop him, the angry prisoner continued to make antagonistic remarks to the judge.

169

## antiquated; ancient

The antediluvian customs had apparently not changed for thousands of years.

172

## preceding events or circumstances that

Before giving permission for Drummie to marry Estella, Miss Havisham had a few questions about the young man's birth and antecedents.

171

## student of the history and science of hu

Anthropologists have discovered several relics of prehistoric humans in this area.

174

## manlike

The gorilla is the strongest of the anthropoid animals.

173

## letdown in thought or emotion

After the fine performance in the first act, the rest of the play was an anticlimax.

176

## having human form or characteristics

Primitive religions often have deities with anthropomorphic characteristics.

175

## obsolete; outdated

Accustomed to editing his papers on word processors, Philip thought typewriters were too antiquated for him to use.

178

## aversion; dislike

His extreme antipathy to dispute caused him to avoid argumentative discussions with his friends.

177

## contrast; direct opposite of or to

This tyranny was the antithesis of all that he had hoped for, and he fought it with all his strength.

180

## substance that prevents infection

It is advisable to apply an antiseptic to any wound, no matter how slight or insignificant.

179

## indifferent

He felt apathetic about the conditions he had observed and did not care to fight against them.

182

## iron block used in hammering out metal

After heating the iron horseshoe in the forge, the blacksmith picked it up with his tongs and set it on the anvil.

181

## imitate or mimic

He was suspended for a week because he had aped the principal in front of the whole school.

184

## lack of caring; indifference

A firm believer in democratic government, she could not understand the apathy of people who never bothered to vote.

183

## tip; summit; climax

He was at the apex of his career.

186

## opening; hole

She discovered a small aperture in the wall, through which the insects had entered the room.

185

## pithy maxim

An aphorism differs from an adage in that it is more philosophical or scientific.

188

## loss of speech due to injury or illness

After the automobile accident, the victim had periods of aphasia when he could not speak at all or could only mumble incoherently.

187

## poise; composure

Wellington's nonchalance and aplomb in the heat of battle always heartened his followers.

190

## a place where bees are kept

Although he spent many hours daily in the apiary, he was very seldom stung by a bee.

189

## untrue; made up

To impress his friends, Tom invented apocryphal tales of his adventures in the big city.

192

## prophetic; pertaining to revelations; esoteric

His apocalyptic remarks were dismissed by his audience as wild surmises.

191



## stroke; loss of consciousness followed

He was crippled by an attack of apoplexy.

194

## highest point

When the moon in its orbit is furthest away from the earth, it is at its apogee.

193

## druggist

In Holland, apothecaries still sell spices as well as ointments and pills.

196

## one who abandons his religious faith o

Because he switched from one party to another, his former friends shunned him as an apostate.

195

## deification; glorification

The Roman empress Livia envied the late emperor his apotheosis; she hoped that on her death she, too, would be exalted to the rank of a god.

198

## pithy, compact saying

Proverbs are apothegms that have become familiar sayings.

197

## ghost; phantom

Hamlet was uncertain about the identity of the apparition that had appeared and spoken to him.

200

## dismay; shock

We were appalled by the horrifying conditions in the city's jails.

199

## name; title

He was amazed when the witches hailed him with his correct appellation.

202

## pacify; soothe

We have discovered that, when we try to appease our enemies, we encourage them to make additional demands.

201

## diligent attention; (secondary meaning)

Pleased with how well Tom had whitewashed the fence, Aunt Polly praised him for his application.

204

## attach

I shall append this chart to my report.

203

## estimate the value of

It is difficult to appraise old paintings; it is easier to call them priceless.

206

## appropriate; fitting

He was always able to find the apposite phrase, the correct expression for every occasion.

205

## arrest ( a criminal); dread; perceive

The police will apprehend the culprit and convict him before long.

208

## be thankful for; increase in worth; be tl

Little Orphan Annie truly appreciated the stocks Daddy Warbucks ave her, whose value appreciated considerably over the years.

207

## inform

When he was apprised of the dangerous weather conditions, he decided to postpone his trip.

210

## fearful; discerning

His apprehensive glances at the people who were walking in the street revealed his nervousness.

209

## acquire; take possession of for one's ov

The ranch owners appropriated the lands that had originally been set aside for the Indians' use.

212

## approval

Wanting her parents' regard, she looked for some sign of their approbation.

211

## with reference to; regarding

I find your remarks apropos of the present situation timely and pertinent.

214

## subordinate possessions

He bought the estate and all its appurtenances.

213

## curved, hooked

He can be recognized by his aquiline nose, curved like the beak of the eagle.

216

## fitness; talent

The counselor evaluated his aptitudes before advising him about the career he should follow.

215

**person with power to decide a matter in**

As an arbiter in labor disputes, she has won the confidence of the workers and the employers.

218

**fit for plowing**

The land was no longer arable; erosion had removed the valuable topsoil.

217

**act as judge**

She was called upon to arbitrate the dispute between the union and the management.

220

**unreasonable or capricious; tyrannical**

The coach claimed the team lost because the umpire made some arbitrary calls.

219

**a covered passageway, usually lined with**

The arcade was popular with shoppers because it gave them protection from the summer sun and the winter rain.

222

**place where different varieties of trees**

Walking along the treelined paths of the arboretum, Rita noted poplars, firs, and some particularly fine sycamores.

221

**study of artifacts and relics of early man**

The professor of archaeology headed an expedition to the Gobi Desert in search of ancient ruins.

224

**secret; mysterious**

What was arcane to us was clear to the psychologist.

223

**prototype; primitive pattern**

The Brooklyn Bridge was the archetype of the many spans that now connect Manhattan with Long Island and New Jersey.

226

**antiquated**

"Methinks," "thee," and "thou" are archaic words that are no longer part of our normal vocabulary.

225

**public records; place where public records**

These documents should be part of the archives so that historians may be able to evaluate them in the future.

228

**group of closely located islands**

When he looked at the map and saw the archipelagoes in the South Seas, he longed to visit them.

227

**hard; strenuous**

Her arduous efforts had sapped her energy.

230

**heat; passion; zeal**

Katya's ardor was contagious; soon all her fellow demonstrators were busily making posters and handing out flyers, inspired by her ardent enthusiasm for the cause.

229

**operatic solo**

At her Metropolitan Opera audition, Marian Anderson sang an aria from Norma.

232

**slang**

In the argot of the underworld, she "was taken for a ride."

231

**hereditary nobility; privileged class**

Americans have mixed feelings about hereditary aristocracy:

234

**dry; barren**

The cactus had adapted to survive in an arid environment.

233

**fragrant**

Medieval sailing vessels brought aromatic herbs from China to Europe.

236

**fleet of warships**

Queen Elizabeth's navy was able to defeat the mighty armada that threatened the English coast.

235

**marshal; draw up in order**

His actions were bound to array public sentiment against him.

238

**charge in court; indict**

After his indictment by the Grand Jury, the accused man was arraigned in the County Criminal Court.

237

**being in debt**

He was in arrears with his payments on the car.

240

**clothe; adorn**

She liked to watch her mother array herself in her finest clothes before going out for the evening.

239

## **gully**

Until the heavy rains of the past spring, this arroyo had been a dry bed.

242

## **pride, haughtiness**

The arrogance of the nobility was resented by the middle class.

241

## **products of primitive culture**

Archaeologists debated the significance of the artifacts discovered in the ruins of Asia Minor and came to no conclusion.

244

## **effective; distinct**

Her articulate presentation of the advertising campaign impressed her employers.

243

## **a manually skilled worker**

Artists and artisans alike are necessary to the development of a culture.

246

## **deception; trickery**

The Trojan War proved to the Greeks that cunning and artifice were often more effective than military might.

245

## **controlling influence**

President Marcos failed to maintain his ascendancy over Philippines.

248

## **without guile; open and honest**

Red Riding Hood's artless comment, "Grandma, what big eyes you have!" indicates the child's innocent surprises at her "grandmother's" changed appearance.

247

## **doctrine of self-denial**

We find asceticism practiced in many monasteries.

250

## **practicing self-denial; austere**

The wealthy young man could not understand the ascetic life led by the monks.

249

## **preventing infection; having a cleansin**

Hospitals succeeded in lowering the mortality rate as soon as they introduced aseptic conditions.

252

## **refer; attribute; assign**

I can ascribe no motive for her acts.

251

**stupid**

Your asinine remarks prove that you have not given this problem any serious consideration.

254

**ash-colored; deadly pale**

Her face was ashen with fear.

253

**crookedly; slanted; at an angle**

When he placed his hat askew upon his head, his observers laughed.

256

**with a sideways or indirect look**

Looking askance at her questioner, she displayed her scorn.

255

**slandering remark**

Do not cast aspersions on her character.

258

**sharpness (of temper)**

These remarks, spoken with asperity, stung the boys to whom they had been directed.

257

**noble ambition**

Youth's aspirations should be as lofty as the stars.

260

**seeker after position or status**

Although I am an aspirant for public office, I am not willing to accept the dictates of the party bosses.

259

**analyze; evaluate**

When they assayed the ore, they found that they had discovered a very rich vein.

262

**assault**

He was assailed with questions after his lecture.

261

**state strongly or positively; insist on or**

When Jill asserted that nobody else in the junior class had such an early curfew, her parents asserted themselves, telling her that if she didn't get home by nine o'clock she would be grounded for the week.

264

**agree; accept**

It gives me great pleasure to assent to your request.

263

## diligent

It took Rembrandt weeks of assiduous labor before he was satisfied with his portrait of his son.

266

## estimation; appraisal

I would like to have your assessment of the situation in South Africa.

265

## ease; lessen(pain)

Your messages of cheer should assuage her suffering.

268

## absorb; cause to become homogenous

The manner in which the United States was able to assimilate the hordes of immigrants during the nineteenth and early part of the twentieth centuries will always be a source of pride.

267

## promise or pledge; certainty; self-confidence

When Guthrie gave Guinness his assurance that rehearsals were going well, he spoke with such assurance that Guinness was convinced.

270

## something taken for granted; the taking

The young princess made the foolish assumption that the regent would not object to her Assumption of power.

269

## eye defect that prevents proper focus

As soon as his parents discovered that the boy suffered from astigmatism, they took him to the optometrist for corrective glasses.

272

## small planet

asteroids have become commonplace to the readers of interstellar travel stories in science fiction magazines.

271

## binding; causing contraction; harsh or

The astringent quality of unsweetened lemon juice made swallowing difficult.

274

## relating to the stars

She was amazed at the number of astral bodies the new telescope revealed.

273

## wise; shrewd

That was a very astute observation.

276

## enormously large or extensive

The government seemed willing to spend astronomical sums on weapons development.

275

**place of refuge or shelter; protection**

The refugees sought asylum from religious persecution in a new land.

278

**into parts; apart**

Their points of view are poles asunder.

277

**resemblance to remote ancestors rather**

throwback Martin seemed an atavism to his Tuscan ancestors who lavished great care on their small plots of soil.

280

**not identical on both sides of a dividin**

Because one eyebrow was set markedly higher than the other, William's face had a particularly asymmetric appearance.

279

**make amends for; pay for**

He knew no way in which he could atone for his brutal crime.

282

**denying the existence of God**

His atheistic remarks shocked the religious worshippers.

281

**wasting away**

Polio victims need physiotherapy to prevent the atrophy of affected limbs.

284

**brutal deed**

In time of war, many atrocities are committed by invading armies.

283

**testify; bear witness**

Having served as a member of a grand jury, I can attest that our system of indicting individuals is in need of improvement.

286

**make thin; weaken**

By withdrawing their forces, the generals hoped to attenuate the enemy lines.

285

**ascribe; explain**

I attribute her success in science to the encouragement she received from her parents.

288

**essential quality**

His outstanding attribute was his kindness.

287



## daring; bold

Audiences cheered as Luke Skywalker and Princess Leia made their audacious, death-defying leap to freedom and escaped Darth Vader's troops.

290

## gradual wearing down

They decided to wage a war of attrition rather than to rely on all-out attack.

289

## increase

How can we hope to augment our forces when our allies are deserting us?

292

## examination of accounts

When the bank examiners arrived to hold their annual audit, they discovered the embezzlements of the chief cashier.

291

## impressive; majestic

Visiting the palace at Versailles, she was impressed by the august surroundings in which she found herself.

294

## omen; prophecy

He interpreted the departures of the birds as an augury of evil.

293

## pertaining to the aurora borealis

The auroral display was particularly spectacular that evening.

296

## sun's corona; halo

Many medieval paintings depict saintly characters with aureols around their heads.

295

## strict, stern

His austere demeanor prevented us from engaging in our usual frivolous activities.

298

## favoring success

With favorable weather conditions, it was an auspicious moment to set sail.

297

## prove genuine

An expert was needed to authenticate the original Van Gogh painting, distinguishing it from its imitation.

300

## sternness; severity; lack of luxuries

The austerity and dignity of the court were maintained by the new justices, who were a strict and solemn group.

299

**having the weight of authority; dictator**

We accepted her analysis of the situation as authoritative.

302

**favoring or exercising total control; no**

The people had no control over their destiny; they were forced to obey the dictates of the authoritarian regime.

301

**mechanism that imitates actions of human**

Long before science fiction readers became aware of robots, writers were creating stories of automation who could outperform humans.

304

**monarch with supreme power**

He ran his office like an autocrat, giving no one else any authority.

303

**examination of a dead body; postmortem**

The medical examiner ordered an autopsy to determine the cause of death.

306

**self-governing**

This island is a colony; however, in most matters, it is autonomous and receives no orders from the mother country.

305

**greed for wealth**

King Midas's avarice has been famous for centuries.

308

**offering or providing help; additional c**

To prepare for the emergency, they built an auxiliary power station.

307

**reluctant**

He was averse to revealing the sources of his information.

310

**state confidently**

I wish to aver that I am certain of success.

309

**prevent; turn away**

She averted her eyes from the dead cat on the highway.

312

**firm dislike**

Their mutual aversion was so great that they refused to speak to one another.

311

**greedy; eager for**

He was avid for learning and read everything he could get.

314

**enclosure for birds**

The aviary at the zoo held nearly 300 birds.

313

**declare openly**

I must avow that I am innocent.

316

**secondary or minor occupation**

His hobby proved to be so fascinating and profitable that gradually he abandoned his regular occupation and concentrated on his avocation.

315

**solemn wonder**

The tourists gazed with awe at the tremendous expanse of the Grand Canyon.

318

**like an uncle**

Avuncular pride did not prevent him from noticing his nephew's shortcomings.

317

**distorted; crooked**

He held his head awry, giving the impression that he had caught cold in his neck during the night.

320

**pointed tool used for piercing**

She used an awl to punch additional holes in the leather belt she had bought.

319

**sky blue**

azure skies are indicative of good weather.

322

**self-evident truth requiring no proof**

Before a student can begin to think along the lines of Euclidean geometry, he must accept certain principles or axioms.

321

**drunken**

Emperor Nero attended the bacchanalian orgy.

324

**chatter idly**

The little girl babbled about her doll.

323

## teasing conversation

Her friends at work greeted the news of her engagement with cheerful badinage.

326

## pester; annoy

She was forced to change her telephone number because she was badgered by obscene phone calls.

325

## harass; tease

The soldiers baited the prisoners, terrorizing them.

328

## frustrate; perplex

The new code baffled the enemy agents.

327

## stoop short, as if faced with an obstacle

The chief of police balked at sending his officers into the riot-torn area.

330

## menacing; deadly

Casting a baleful eye at his successful rival, the rejected suitor stole off, vowing to have his revenge.

329

## heavy substance used to add stability to

The ship was listing badly to one side; it was necessary to shift the ballast in the hold to get her back on an even keel.

332

## foil

When the warden learned that several inmates were planning to escape, he took steps to balk their attempt.

331

## mild; fragrant

A balmy breeze refreshed us after the sultry blast.

334

## something that relieves pain

Friendship is the finest balm for the pangs of disappointed love.

333

## discuss lightly; exchange blows or words

The president refused to bandy words with reporters at the press conference.

336

## hackneyed; commonplace; trite

His frequent use of clichés made his essay seem banal.

335

## good-naturedly ridiculing

They resented his bantering remarks because they misinterpreted his teasing as sarcasm.

338

## cause of ruin

Lack of public transportation is the bane of urban life.

337

## poet

The ancient bard Homer sang of the fall of Troy.

340

## sharp projection form fishhook, etc.; p

The barb from the fishhook caught in his finger as he grabbed the fish.

339

## highly ornate

Accustomed to the severe, angular lines of modern skyscrapers, they found the flamboyance of baroque architecture amusing.

342

## shameless; bold; unconcealed

Shocked by Huck Finn's barefaced lies, Miss Watson prayed the good Lord would give him a sense of his unregenerate wickedness.

341

## counselor-at-law

Galsworthy started as a barrister, but when he found the practice of law boring, turned to writing.

344

## barrier laid down by artillery fire; over

The company was forced to retreat through the barrage of heavy canyons.

343

## luxuriate; take pleasure in warmth

basking on the beach, she relaxed so completely that she fell asleep.

346

## trader

The barterer exchanged trinkets for the natives' furs.

345

## let down; restrain

Until it was time to open the presents, the children had to bate their curiosity.

348

## stronghold; something seen as a source

The villagers fortified the town hall, hoping this improvised bastion could protect them from the guerrilla raids.

347

**indecent; obscene**

She took offense at his bawdy remarks.

350

**trinket; trifle**

The child was delighted with the bauble she had won in the grab bag.

349

**blessedness; state of bliss**

Growing closer to God each day, the mystic achieved a state of indescribable beatitude.

352

**giving bliss; blissful**

The beatific smile on the child's face made us very happy.

351

**wet thoroughly**

We were so bedraggled by the severe storm that we had to change into dry clothing.

354

**dress with vulgar finery**

The witch doctors were bedizened in their gaudiest costumes.

353

**father; produce; give rise to**

One good turn may deserve another; it does not necessarily beget another.

356

**confuse thoroughly**

His attempts to clarify the situation succeeded only on befuddling her further.

355

**amuse; delude; cheat**

I beguiled himself during the long hours by playing solitaire.

358

**resent**

I begrudge every minute I have to spend attending meetings.

357

**obligated; indebted**

Since I do not wish to be beholden to anyone, I cannot accept this favor.

360

**huge creature; something of monstrous**

Sportcasters nicknamed the linebacker "The Behemoth."

359

**explain or go over excessively or to a ri**

The debate coach warned her student not to bore the audience by belaboring his point.

362

**be suited to; be incumbent upon**

In this time of crisis, it behooves all of us to remain calm and await the instructions of our superiors.

361

**besiege**

As soon as the city was beleaguered, the life became more subdued as the citizens began their long wait for outside assistance.

364

**delayed**

He apologized for his belated note of condolence to the widow of his friend and explained that he had just learned of her husband's untimely death.

363

**disparage; depreciate**

Parents should not belittle their children's early attempts at drawing, but should encourage their efforts.

366

**contradict; give a false impression**

His coarse, hard-bitten exterior belied his innate sensitivity.

365

**quarrelsome**

Whenever he had too much to drink, he became belligerent and tried to pick fights with strangers.

368

**warlike**

His bellicose disposition alienated his friends.

367

**blessing**

The appearance of the sun after the many rainy days was like a benediction.

370

**confused; lost in thought; preoccupied**

Jill studied the garbled instructions with a bemused look on her face.

369

**kindly; doing good**

The overgenerous philanthropist had to curb his beneficent impulses before he gave away all his money and left himself with nothing.

372

**gift giver; patron**

Scrooge later became Tiny Tim's benefactor and gave him a benediction.

371

**generous; charitable**

His benevolent nature prevented him from refusing any beggar who accosted him.

374

**person entitled to benefits or proceeds**

You may change your beneficiary as often as you wish.

373

**blessing**

Let us pray that the benison of peace once more shall prevail among the nations of the world.

376

**kindly; favorable; not malignant**

The old man was well liked because of his benign attitude toward friend and stranger alike.

375

**leave to someone by means of a will; h**

In his will, Father bequeathed his watch to Phillip; the bequest meant a great deal to the boy.

378

**determined; natural talent or inclination**

bent on advancing in the business world, the secretary heroine of Working Girl had a true bent for high finance.

377

**state of being deprived of something v**

His friends gathered to console him upon his sudden bereavement.

380

**scold strongly**

He feared she would berate him for his forgetfulness.

379

**frenzied**

Angered, he went berserk and began to wreck the room.

382

**deprived of; lacking**

The foolish gambler soon found himself bereft of funds.

381

**soil, defile**

The scandalous remarks in the newspaper besmirch the reputations of every member of the society.

384

**harass; trouble**

Many problems beset the American public school system.

383



confer

He wished to bestow great honors upon the hero.

386

beastlike; brutal; inhuman

The Red Cross sought to put an end to the bestial treatment of prisoners of war.

385

large group

The movie actor was surrounded by a bevy of startlets.

388

become engaged to marry

The announcement that they had become betrothed surprised their friends who had not suspected any romance.

387

quarrel

The children bickered morning, noon, and night, exasperating their parents.

390

two-chambered, as a legislative body

The United States Congress is a bicameral body.

389

divided into two branches; forked

With a bifurcated branch and a piece of elastic rubber, he made a crude but effective slingshot.

392

every two years

The group held biennial meetings instead of annual ones.

391

suffering from indigestion; irritable

His bilious temperament was apparent to all who heard him rant about his difficulties.

394

stubborn intolerance

Brought up in a democratic atmosphere, student was shocked by the bigotry and narrowness expressed by several of his classmates.

393

temporary encampment

While in bivouac, we spent the night in our sleeping bags under the stars.

396

swindle; cheat

The con man specialized in bilking insurance companies.

395

**bleach; whiten**

Although age had blanched his hair, he was still vigorous and energetic.

398

**fantastic; violently contrasting**

The plot of the novel was too bizarre to be believed.

397

**flattery**

Despite the salesperson's blandishments, the customer did not buy the outfit.

400

**soothing; mild**

She used a bland ointment for her sunburn.

399

**profane; impious**

The people in the room were shocked by his his blasphemous language.

402

**bored with pleasure or dissipation**

Your blase attitude gives your students an erroneous impression of the joys of scholarship.

401

**cold; cheerless**

The Aleutian Islands are bleak military outposts.

404

**extremely obvious; loudly offensive**

Caught in a blatant lie, the scoundrel had only one regret: he wished that he had lied more subtly.

403

**gay; joyous; careless**

Shelley called the skylark a "blithe spirit" because of its happy song.

406

**suffering from a disease; destroyed**

The extent of the blighted areas could be seen only when viewed from the air.

405

**talkative boaster**

After all Sol's talk about his big show business connections led nowhere, Sally decided he was just another blowhard.

408

**swollen or puffed as with water or air**

Her bloated stomach came from drinking so much water.

407

**pretense (of strength); deception; high**

Claire thought Lord Byron's boast that he would swim the Hellespont was just a bluff, she was astounded when he dove from the high bluff into the waters below.

410

**club; heavy-headed weapon**

His walking stick served him as a bludgeon on many occasions.

409

**utter impulsively**

Before she could stop him, he blurted out the news.

412

**error**

The criminal's fatal blunder led to his capture.

411

**counterfeit; not authentic**

The police quickly found the distributors of the bogus twenty-dollar bills.

414

**foreshadow; portend**

The gloomy skies and the sulfurious odors from the mineral springs seemed to bode evil to those who settled in the area.

413

**support; reinforce**

The debaters amassed file boxes full of evidence to bolster their arguments.

416

**violent; rough; noisy**

The unruly crowd became even more boisterous when he tried to quiet them.

415

**blessing; benefit**

The recent rains that filled our empty reservoirs were a boon to the whole community.

418

**pompous, inflated language**

Filled with bombast, the orator's speech left the audience more impressed with his pomposity than with his logic.

417

**clear beef soup**

The cup of bouillon served by the stewards was welcomed by those who had been chilled by the cold ocean breezes.

420

**rude; insensitive**

Though Mr. Potts constantly interrupted his wife, she ignored his boorish behavior, for she had lost hope of teaching him courtesy.

419

## middle class

The French Revolution was inspired by the bourgeois, who resented the aristocracy.

422

## generous; showing bounty

She distributed gifts in a bountiful and gracious manner.

421

## expurgate

After the film editors had bowdlerized the language in the script, the motion picture's rating was changed from "R" to "PG."

424

## cowlike; placid and dull

Nothing excites Esther; even when she won the state lottery, she still preserved her air of bovine calm.

423

## boasting

He was disliked because his manner was always full of braggadocio.

426

## somewhat saline

He found the only wells in the area were brackish; drinking the water made him nauseous.

425

## swagger; assumed air of defiance

The bravado of the young criminal disappeared when he was confronted by the victims of his brutal attack.

428

## boaster

Modest by nature, she was no braggart, preferring to let her accomplishments speak for themselves.

427

## insolent

Her brazen contempt for authority angered the officials.

430

## muscular strength; sturdiness

It takes brawn to become a champion weight-lifter.

429

## width; extent

We were impressed by the breadth of her knowledge.

432

## breaking of contract or duty; fissure; g

They found a breach in the enemy's fortifications and penetrated their lines.

431

**tawny or grayish with streaks or spots**

He was disappointed in the litter because the puppies were brindled; he had hoped for animals of uniform color.

434

**conciseness**

brevity is essential when you send a telegram or cablegram; you are charged for every word.

433

**easily broken; difficult**

My employer's brittle personality made it difficult for me to get along with her.

436

**rising like bristles; showing irritation**

The dog stood there, bristling with anger.

435

**rich, figured fabric**

The sofa was covered with expensive brocade.

438

**open up**

He did not even try to broach the subject of poetry.

437

**ornamental clasp**

She treasured the brooch because it was an heirloom.

440

**pamphlet**

This brochure on farming was issued by the Department of Agriculture.

439

**bully; intimidate**

Billy resisted Ted's attempts to browbeat him into handing over his lunch money.

442

**tolerate; endure**

The dean would brook no interference with his disciplinary actions.

441

**rustic; pastoral**

The meadow was the scene of bucolic gaiety.

444

**blunt; abrupt**

She was offended by his brusque reply.

443

## bugbear; object of baseless terror

If we become frightened by such bugaboos, we are no wiser than the birds who fear scarecrows.

446

## clowning

John Candy's buffoonery in Uncle Buck was hilarious.

445

## earthwork or other strong defense; pers

The navy is our principal bulwark against invasion.

448

## gold and silver in the form of bars

Much bullion is stored in the vaults at Fort Knox.

447

## government by bureaus

Many people fear that the constant introduction of federal agencies will create a government by bureaucracy.

450

## spoil by clumsy behavior

I was afraid you would bungle his assignment but I had no one else to send.

449

## give an imitation that ridicules

In his caricature, he burlesqued the mannerisms of his adversary.

452

## grow forth; send out buds

In the spring, the plants that burgeon are a promise of the beauty that is to come.

451

## make shiny by rubbing; polish

The maid burnished the brass fixtures until they reflected the lamplight.

454

## husky; muscular

The burly mover lifted the packing crate with ease.

453

## full-bosomed; plump; jolly

High fashion models usually are slender rather than buxom.

456

## support; prop up

Just as architects buttress the walls of cathedrals with flying buttresses, debates buttress their arguments with facts.

455

## hiding place

The detectives followed the suspects until he led them to the cache where he had stored his loot.

458

## small group of persons secretly united

The cabal was defeated when its scheme was discovered.

457

## corpse

In some states, it is illegal to dissect cadavers.

460

## discord

Some people seem to enjoy the cacophony of an orchestra that is tuning up.

459

## rhythmic rise and fall (of words or sound)

Marching down the road, the troops sang out, following the cadence set by the sergeant.

462

## like a corpse; pale

From his cadaverous appearance, we could see how the disease had ravaged him.

461

## disaster; misery

As news of the calamity spread, offers of relief poured in to the stricken community.

464

## coax; wheedle

I will not be cajoled into granting your wish.

463

## beautiful writing; excellent penmanship

As we examine ancient manuscripts, we became impressed with the calligraphy of the scribes.

466

## ability; capacity

A man of such caliber should not be assigned such menial tasks.

465

## youthful; immature

In that youthful movement, the leaders were only a little less callow than their immature followers.

468

## hardened; unfeeling

He had worked in the hospital for so many years that he was callous to the suffering in the wards.

467

## malicious misrepresentation

He could endure his financial failure, but he could not bear the calumny that his foes heaped upon him.

470

## heat-producing

Coal is much more calorific than green wood.

469

## shell or jewel carved in relief

Tourists are advised not to purchase cameos from the street peddlers of Rome who sell poor specimens of the carver's art.

472

## good-fellowship

What he loved best about his job was the sense of camaraderie he and his co-workers shared.

471

## frankness

The candor and simplicity of his speech impressed all, it was all clear he held nothing back.

474

## unfounded rumor

It is almost impossible to protect oneself from such a base canard.

473

## any ulcerous sore; any evil

Poverty is a canker in the body politic; it must be cured.

476

## related to dogs; doglike

Some days the canine population of Berkeley seems almost to outnumber the human population.

475

## pious phraseology; jargon of criminals

Angry that the president had slashed the education budget, we dismissed his speech on the importance of education as mere cant.

478

## shrewd; thrifty

The canny Scotsman was more than a match for the swindlers.

477

## story set to music, to be sung by a chor

The choral society sang the new cantata composed by its leader.

480

## ill-humored; irritable

Constantly complaining about his treatment and refusing to cooperate with the hospital staff, he was a cantankerous patient.

479



## division of a long poem

Dante's poetic masterpiece The Divine Comedy is divided into cantos.

482

## slow gallop

Because the racehorse had outdistanced its competition so easily, the reporter wrote that the race was won in a canter.

481

## spacious

In the capacious areas of the railroad terminal, thousands of travelers lingered while waiting for their train.

484

## determine or seek opinions, votes, etc.

After canvassing the sentiments of his constituents, the congressman was confident that he represented the majority opinion of his district.

483

## surrender

The enemy was warned to capitulate or face annihilation.

486

## having a very fine bore

The changes in surface tension of liquids in capillary vessels is of special interest to physicists.

485

## fickle; incalculable

The storm was capricious and changed course constantly.

488

## whim

She was an unpredictable creature, acting on caprice, never taking thought of the consequences.

487

## faultfinding

His criticisms were always captious and frivolous, never offering constructive suggestions.

490

## title; chapter heading; text under illustr

I find the captions that accompany these cartoons very clever and humorous.

489

## shell covering the back (of a turtle, cral

At the children's zoo, Richard perched on top of the giant turtle's hard carapace as it slowly made its way around the enclosure.

492

## glass water bottle

With each dinner, the patron receives a carafe of red or white wine.

491

## causing cancer

Many supposedly harmless substances have been revealed to be carcinogenic.

494

## unit of weight for precious stones; mea

He gave her a diamond that weighed three carats and was mounted in an eighteen-carat gold band.

493

## lurch; sway from side to side

The taxicab careened wildly as it rounded the corner.

496

## chief

If you want to increase your word power, the cardinal rule of vocabulary-building is to read.

495

## set of bells capable of being played

The carillon in the bell tower of the Coca-Cola pavilion at the New York World's Fair provided musical entertainment every hour.

498

## distortion; burlesque

The caricatures he drew always emphasized personal weaknesses of the people he burlesqued.

497

## fleshly

The public was more interested in carnal pleasures than in spiritual matters.

500

## destruction of life

The carnage that can be caused by atomic warfare adds to the responsibilities of our statesmen.

499

## drunken revel

The party degenerated into an ugly carousal.

502

## meat-eating

The lion is a carnivorous animal.

501

## rotting flesh of a dead body

Buzzards are nature's scavengers; they eat the carrion left behind by other predators.

504

## petty criticism; fault-finding

Welcoming constructive criticism, Lexy appreciated her editor's comments, finding them free of carping.

503

## small waterfall

We could not appreciate the beauty of the many cascades as we made detours around each of them to avoid getting wet.

506

## map-maker

Though not a professional cartographer, Tolkien was able to construct a map of the fictional world.

505

## punishment; severe criticism

Sensitive even to mild criticism, Woolf could not bear castigation that she found in certain reviews.

508

## one of the hereditary classes in Hindu society

The differences created by caste in India must be wiped out if true democracy is to prevail in that country.

507

## deluge; upheaval

A cataclysm such as the French Revolution affects all countries.

510

## serious or fatal accident

The number of automotive casualties on this holiday weekend was high.

509

## slingshot; hurling machine

Airplanes are sometimes launched from battleships by catapults.

512

## agent that brings about a chemical change

Many chemical reactions cannot take place without the presence of a catalyst.

511

## calamity

The Johnstown flood was a catastrophe.

514

## great waterfall; eye abnormality

She gazed with awe at the mighty cataract known as Niagara Falls.

513

## without exceptions; unqualified; absolute

Though the captain claimed he was never, never sick at sea, he finally qualified his categorical denial; he was hardly ever sick at sea.

516

## book for religious instruction; instructive

He taught by engaging his pupils in a catechism until they gave him the correct answer.

515

## purgative

Some drugs act as laxatives when taken in small doses but act as cathartics when taken in much larger doses.

518

## purging or cleansing of any passage of

Aristotle maintained that tragedy created a catharsis by purging the soul of base concepts.

517

## private meeting of members of a party

At the opening of Congress the members of the Democratic Party held a caucus to elect the majority leader of the House and the party whip.

520

## universal; wide-ranging liberal

He was extremely catholic in his taste and read everything he could find in the library.

519

## implying a cause-and-effect relationship

The psychologist maintained there was a causal relationship between the nature of one's early childhood experiences and one's adult personality.

522

## to make watertight (by plugging seams)

When water from the shower leaked into the basement, we knew it was time to caulk the tiles at the edges of the shower stall.

521

## burn with hot iron or caustic

In order to prevent infection, the doctor cauterized the wound.

524

## burning; sarcastically biting

The critic's caustic remarks angered the hapless actors who were the subjects of his sarcasm.

523

## casual and offhand; arrogant

Sensitive about having her ideas taken lightly, Marcia felt insulted by Mark's cavalier dismissal of her suggestion.

526

## procession; parade

As described by Chaucer, the cavalcade of Canterbury pilgrims was motley group.

525

## transfer; yield title to

I intend to cede this property to the city.

528

## make frivolous objections

I respect your sensible criticisms, but I dislike the way you cavil about unimportant details.

527

## heavenly

She spoke of the celestial joys that awaited virtuous souls in the hereafter.

530

## speed; rapidity

Hamlet resented his mother's celerity in remarrying within a month after his father's death.

529

## overseer of morals; person who eliminates

Soldiers dislike having their mail read by a censor but understand the need for this precaution.

532

## abstaining from sexual intercourse; un-

Though the late Havelock Ellis wrote extensively about sexual customs and was considered an expert in such matters, recent studies maintain he was celibate throughout his life.

531

## blame; criticize

He was censured for his inappropriate behavior.

534

## critical

censorious people delight in casting blame.

533

## denoting a widely used temperature scale

On the centigrade thermometer, the freezing point of water is zero degrees.

536

## mythical figure, half man and half horse

I was particularly impressed by the statue of the centaur in the Roman Hall of the museum.

535

## machine that separates substances by weight

At the dairy, we employ a centrifuge to separate cream from milk.

538

## radiating; departing from the center

Many automatic drying machines remove excess moisture from clothing by centrifugal force.

537

## Roman army officer

Because he was in command of a company of one hundred soldiers, he was called a centurion.

540

## tending toward the center

Does centripetal force or the force of gravity bring orbiting bodies to the earth's surface?

539

## thought

Mathematics problems sometimes require much cerebration.

542

## pertaining to the brain or intellect

The content of philosophical works is cerebral in nature and requires much thought.

541

## stopping

The workers threatened a cessation of all activities if their demands were not met.

544

## marked by formality

Ordinary dress would be inappropriate at so ceremonious an affair.

543

## warm by rubbing

The collar chafed his neck.

546

## yielding to another; ceding

The cession of Alaska to the United States is discussed in this chapter.

545

## bantering; joking

Sometimes his flippant and chaffing remarks annoy us.

548

## worthless products of an endeavor

When you separate the wheat from the chaff, be sure you throw out the chaff.

547

## goblet; consecrated cup

In a small room adjoining the cathedral, many ornately decorated chalices made by the most famous European goldsmiths were on display.

550

## vexation; disappointment

Her refusal to go with us filled us with chagrin.

549

## support militantly

Martin Luther King, Jr., won the Nobel Peace Prize because he championed the oppressed in their struggle for equality.

552

## lizard that changes color in different situations

Like the chameleon, he assumed the political coloration of every group he met.

551

**divine gift; great popular charm or app**

Political commentators have deplored the importance of a candidate's charisma in these days of television campaigning.

554

**in utter disorder**

He tried to bring order into the chaotic state of affairs.

553

**cautious; sparing or restrained about gi**

A prudent, thrifty New Englander, DeWitt was as chary of investing money in junk bonds as he was chary of paying people unnecessary compliments.

556

**quack; pretender to knowledge**

When they realized that the Wizard didn't know how to get them back to Kansas, Dorothy and her friends were sure they'd been duped by a charlatan.

555

**abyss**

They could not see the bottom of the chasm.

558

**ornament a metal surface by indenting**

With his hammer, he carefully chased an intricate design onto the surface of the chalice.

557

**pure**

Her chaste and decorous garb was appropriately selected for the solemnity of the occasion.

560

**framework and working parts of an aut**

Examining the car after the accident, the owner discovered that the body had been ruined but that the chassis was unharmed.

559

**punish**

I must chastise you for this offense.

562

**discipline; punish in order to correct**

Whom God loves, God chastens.

561

**stop motion; curb or restrain**

Thrusting out her arm, Grandma checked Bobby's lunge at his sister. "Young man," she said, "you'd better check your temper."

564

**blindly devoted patriot**

A chauvinist cannot recognize any faults in his country, no matter how flagrant they may be.

563

## angelic; innocent-looking

With her cheerful smile and rosy cheeks, she was a particularly cherubic child.

566

## marked by changes in fortune

During his checkered career he had lived in palatial mansions and in dreary boardinghouses.

565

## scold

Grandma began to chide Steven for his lying.

568

## trickery

Your deceitful tactics in this case are indications of chicanery.

567

## courteous; faithful; brave

chivalrous behavior involves noble words and good deeds.

570

## fantastic; highly imaginative

Poe's chimerical stories are sometimes too morbid for reading in bed.

569

## art of dancing

Martha Graham introduced a form of choreography that seemed awkward and alien to those who had been brought up on classic ballet.

572

## hot-tempered

His flushed, angry face indicated a choleric nature.

571

## report; record (in chronological order)

The gossip columnist was paid to chronicle the latest escapades of the socially prominent celebrities.

574

## long established, as a disease

The doctors were finally able to attribute his chronic headaches and nausea to traces of formaldehyde gas in his apartment.

573

## having minute hairs

The paramecium is a ciliated, one-celled animal.

576

## boorish; rude

Dismayed by his churlish manners at the party, the girls vowed never to invite him again.

575



### secret code

Lacking his code book, the spy was unable to decode the message sent to him in cipher.

578

### nonentity; worthless person or thing

She claimed her ex-husband was a total cipher and wondered why she had ever married him.

577

### roundabout

Because of the traffic congestion on the main highways, she took a circuitous route.

580

### small ring; band

This tiny circlet is very costly because it is set with precious stones.

579

### limit; confine

Although I do not wish to circumscribe your activities, I must insist that you complete this assignment before you start anything else.

582

### indirect or roundabout expression

He was afraid to call spade a spade and resorted to circumlocutions to avoid direct reference to his subject.

581

### outwit; baffle

In order to circumvent the enemy, we will make two preliminary attacks in other sections before starting our major campaign.

584

### prudent; cautious

Investigating before acting, she tried always to be circumspect.

583

### quote; commend

She could cite passages in the Bible from memory.

586

### fortress

The citadel overlooked the city like a protecting angel.

585

### having foresight; fortuneteller

Cassandra's clairvoyant warning was not heeded by the Trojans.

588

### having to do with citizens or the state;

Although internal Revenue Service agents are civil servants, they are not always civil to suspected tax evaders.

587

## noise

The clamor of the children at play outside made it impossible for her to take a nap.

590

## climb by crawling

She clambered over the wall.

589

## loud, resounding noise

The blacksmith was accustomed to the clangor of hammers on steel.

592

## secret

After avoiding their chaperon, the lovers had a clandestine meeting.

591

## shrill, trumpetlike sound

We woke to the clarion to muffle its striking.

594

## striker (tongue) of a bell

Wishing to be undisturbed by the bell, Dale wound his scarf around the clapper to muffle its striking.

593

## collarbone

Even though he wore shoulder pads, the football player broke his clavicle during a practice scrimmage.

596

## fear of being locked in

His fellow classmates laughed at his claustrophobia and often threatened to lock him in his room.

595

## split

Erosion caused a cleft in the huge boulder.

598

## split asunder

The lightning cleaves the tree in two.

597

## phrase culled in meaning by repetition

High school compositions are often marred by such cliches as "strong as an ox."

600

## disposition to be lenient; mildness, as c

The lawyer was pleased when the case was sent to Judge Smith's chambers because Smith was noted for her clemency toward first offenders.

599

## relating to the highest point

When he reached the climactic portions of the book, he could not stop reading.

602

## body of customers

The rock club attracted a young, stylish clientele.

601

## small, exclusive group

She charged that a clique had assumed control of school affairs.

604

## region; climate

His doctors advised him to move to a milder clime.

603

## great influence (especially political or social)

Gatsby wondered whether he had enough clout to be admitted to the exclusive club.

606

## monastery or convent

The nuns lived in the cloister.

605

## thicken; congeal; clot

Even after you remove the pudding from the burner, it will continue to coagulate as it stands.

608

## distasteful (because excessive); excessive

Disliking the cloying sweetness of standard wedding cakes, Jody and Tom chose a homemade carrot cake for their reception.

607

## concluding section of a musical or literary work

The piece concluded with a distinctive coda that strikingly brought together various motifs.

610

## combine; fuse

The brooks coalesce into one large river.

609

## supplement to the body of a will

This codicil was drawn up five years after the writing of the original will.

612

## treat gently; pamper

Don't coddle the children too much; they need a taste of discipline.

611

## use of force

They forced him to obey, but only by great coercion.

614

## arrange (laws, rules) as a code; classify

We need to take the varying rules and regulations of the different health agencies and codify them into a national health code.

613

## tooth projecting from a wheel

A bicycle chain moves through a series of cogs in order to propel the bike.

616

## living at the same time as; contemporaneous

Contemporaneous with the dinosaur, the pterodactyl flourished during the Mesozoic era.

615

## think over

cogitate on this problem; the solution will come.

618

## convincing

She presented cogent arguments to the jury.

617

## having to do with knowing or perceiving

Though Jack was emotionally immature, his cognitive development was admirable; he was very advanced intellectually.

620

## related linguistically; allied by blood; cognate

The English word "mother" cognate to the Latin word "mater," whose influence is visible in the words "maternal" and "maternity."

619

## stick together

Solids have a greater tendency to cohere than liquids.

622

## knowledge

During the election campaign, the two candidates were kept in full cognizance of the international situation.

621

## armed band

Caesar and his Roman cohorts conquered almost all of the known world.

624

## tendency to keep together

A firm believer in the maxim "Divide and conquer," the emperor, by lies and trickery, sought to disrupt the cohesion of the free nations.

623

## occurring at the same time

Some people find the coincident events in Hardy's novels annoyingly improbable.

626

## hairstyle

You can make a statement with your choice of coiffure: in the 60's many African-Americans affirmed their racial heritage by wearing their hair in Afros.

625

## work together

Two writers collaborated in preparing this book.

628

## utensil with perforated bottom used for

Before serving the spaghetti, place it in a colander to drain it.

627

## examine in order to verify authenticity;

They collated the newly found manuscripts to determine their age.

630

## work of art put together from fragment

Scraps of cloth, paper doilies, and old photographs all went into her collage.

629

## a light meal

Tea sandwiches and cookies were offered at the collation.

632

## security given for loan

The sum you wish to borrow is so large that it must be secured by collateral.

631

## informal discussion

I enjoy our colloquies but I sometimes wish that they could be made more formal and more searching.

634

## pertaining to conversational or commo

Your use of colloquial expressions in a formal essay such as the one you have presented spoils the effect you hope to achieve.

633

## huge

Radio City Music Hall has a colossal stage.

636

## conspiring in a fraudulent scheme

The swindlers were found guilty of collusion.

635

### in a coma; extremely sleepy

The long-winded orator soon had his audience in a comatose state.

638

### gigantic statue

The legendary Colossus of Rhodes, bronze statue of the sun god that dominated the harbor of the Greek seaport, was one of the Seven Wonders of the World.

637

### attractive; agreeable

I would rather have a poor and comely wife than a rich and homely one.

640

### easily burned

After the recent outbreak of fires in private homes, the fire commissioner ordered that all combustible materials be kept in safe containers.

639

### rebuke; deserts

After his earlier rudeness, we were delighted to see him get his comeuppance.

642

### something fit to be eaten

The roast turkey and other comestibles, the wines, and the excellent service made this Thanksgiving dinner particularly memorable.

641

### to draft for military purposes; to take for

The policeman commandeered the first car that approached and ordered the driver to go to the nearest hospital.

644

### courtesy; civility

A spirit of comity should exist among nations.

643

### equal in extent

Your reward will be commensurate with your effort.

646

### remembering; honoring

The new commemorative stamp honors the late Martin Luther King, Jr.

645

### spacious and comfortable

After sleeping in a small roadside cabins, they found their hotel suite commodious.

648

### feel or express pity or sympathy for

Her friends commiserated with the widow.

647

**agreement; contract**

The signers of the Mayflower Compact were establishing a form of government.

650

**held in common; of a group of people**

When they were divorced, they had trouble dividing their communal property.

649

**harmonious; in harmony with**

They were compatible neighbors, never quarreling over unimportant matters.

652

**tightly packed; firm; brief**

His short, compact body was better suited to wrestling than to basketball.

651

**brief, comprehensive summary**

This text can serve as a compendium of the tremendous amount of new material being developed in this field.

654

**overpowering; irresistible in effect**

The prosecutor presented a well-reasoned case, but the defense attorney's compelling arguments for leniency won over the jury.

653

**listing of statistical information in tabu**

The compilation of available scholarships serves a very valuable purpose.

656

**making up for; repaying**

Can a compensatory education program make up for the inadequate schooling he received in earlier years?

655

**trying to please; obliging**

The courtier obeyed the king's orders in a complaisant manner.

658

**self-satisfied**

There was a complacent look on his face as he examined his paintings.

657

**conformity in fulfilling requirements; r**

The design for the new school had to be in compliance with the local building code.

660

**complete; consummate; make perfect**

The waiter recommended a glass of port to complement the cheese.

659

**participation; involvement**

You cannot keep your complicity in this affair secret very long; you would be wise to admit your involvement immediately.

662

**yielding**

He was compliant and ready to go along with his friends' desires.

661

**bear one's self; behave**

He comported himself with great dignity.

664

**element; ingredient**

I wish all the components of my stereo system were working at the same time.

663

**combine; constitute; pay interest; incre**

The makers of the popular cold remedy compounded a nasal decongestant with an antihistamine.

666

**mental calmness**

Even the latest work crisis failed to shake her composure.

665

**close; squeeze; contract**

She compressed the package under her arm.

668

**thorough; inclusive**

This book provides a comprehensive review of verbal and math skills for the SAT.

667

**adjust; endanger the interests or reputa**

Your presence at the scene of the dispute compromises our claim to neutrality in this matter.

670

**include; consist of**

If the District of Columbia were to be granted a statehood, the United States of America would comprise fifty-onestates, not just fifty.

669

**reckon; calculate**

He failed to compute the interest, so his bank balance was not accurate.

672

**remorse**

The judge was especially severe in this sentencing because he felt that the criminal had shown no compunction for his heinous crime.

671



## **hollow**

The back-packers found partial shelter from the storm by huddling against the concave wall of the cliff.

674

## **link as in a chain**

It is difficult to understand how these events could concatenate as they did without outside assistance.

673

## **whimsical idea; extravagant metaphor**

He was an entertaining companion, always expressing himself in amusing conceits and witty turns of phrase.

676

## **admit; hield**

Despite all the evidence Monica had assembled, Mark refused to concede that she was right.

675

## **beginning; forming of a idea**

At the first conception of the work, he was consulted.

678

## **having a common center**

The target was made of concentric circles.

677

## **an act of yielding**

Before they could reach an agreement, both sides had to make certain concessions.

680

## **mutually agreed on; done together**

The girl scouts in the troop made a concerted effort to raise funds for their annual outing, and emitted a concerted sigh when their leader announced that they had reached their goal.

679

## **brief and compact**

When you define a new word, be concise; the shorter the definition, the easier it is to remember.

682

## **reconciling; soothing**

She was still angry despite his conciliatory words.

681

## **decisive; ending all debate**

When the stolen books turned up in John's locker, we finally had conclusive evidence of the identity of the mysterious thief.

684

## **private meeting**

He was present at all their conclaves as an unofficial observer.

683

## that which accompanies

Culture is not always a concomitant of wealth.

686

## prepare by combining; make up in con

How did the inventive chef ever concoct such strange dish?

685

## agree

Did you concur with the decision of the court or did you find it unfair?

688

## harmony

Watching Tweediedum and Tweedledee battle, Alice wondered why the two brothers could not manage to life in concord.

687

## bestow courtesies with a superior air

The king condescended to grant an audience to the friends of the condemned man.

690

## happening at the same time

In America, the colonists were resisting the demands of the mother contry; at the concurrent moment in France, the middle class was sowing the seeds of rebellion.

689

## seasonings; spices

Spanish food is full of condiments.

692

## adequate; deservedly severe

The public approved the condign punishment for the crime.

691

## overlook; forgive; give tacit approval; c

Unlike Widow Douglass, who condoned Huck's minor offenses, Miss Watson did nothing but scold.

694

## express sympathetic sorrow

His friends gathered to condole with him over his loss.

693

## aqueduct; passageway for fluids

Water was brought to the army in the desert by an improvised conduit from the adjoining mountain.

696

## helpful; contributive

Rest and proper diet are conducive to good health.

695

**seize; commandeer**

The army confiscated all available supplies of uranium.

698

**trusted friend**

He had no confidants with whom he could discuss his problems at home.

697

**flowing together; crowd**

They built the city at the confluence of two rivers.

700

**great fire**

In the conflagration that followed the 1906 earthquake, much of San Francisco was destroyed.

699

**confuse; puzzle**

No mystery could confound Sherlock Holmes for long.

702

**harmony; agreement**

In conformity with our rules and regulations, I am calling a meeting of our organization.

701

**pleasant; friendly**

My father loved to go out for a meal with congenial companions.

704

**freeze; coagulate**

His blood congealed in his veins as he saw the dread monster rush toward him.

703

**mass of material sticking together**

In such a conglomeration of miscellaneous statistics, it was impossible to find a single area of analysis.

706

**existing at birth**

His congenital deformity disturbed his parents.

705

**pine tree; cone-bearing tree**

According to geologists, the conifers were the first plants to bear flowers.

708

**correspondence of parts; harmonious r**

The student demonstrated the congruence of the two triangles by using the hypotenuse-arm theorem.

707

## pertaining to marriage

Their dreams of conjugal bliss were shattered as soon as their temperaments clashed.

710

## surmise; guess

I will end all your conjectures; I admit I am guilty as charged.

709

## pretense of ignorance of something wrong

With the connivance of his friends, he plotted to embarrass the teacher.

712

## summon a devil; proactive magic; image

He conjured up an image of a reformed city and had the voters completely under his spell.

711

## suggested or implied meaning of an expression

Foreigners frequently are unaware of the connotations of the words they use.

714

## person competent to act as judge of art

She had developed into a connoisseur of fine china.

713

## kinship

The lawsuit developed into a test of the consanguinity of the claimant to the estate.

716

## pertaining to marriage or the matrimonial

In his telegram, he wished the newlyweds a lifetime of connubial bliss.

715

## drafted; person forced into military service

Did Rambo volunteer to fight in Vietnam, or was he a conscript, drafted against his will?

718

## scrupulous; careful

A conscientious editor checked every definition for its accuracy.

717

## general agreement

The consensus indicates that we are opposed to entering into this pact.

720

## dedicate; sanctify

We shall consecrate our lives to this noble purpose.

719

**school of the fine arts (especially music)**

A gifted violinist, Marya was selected to study at the conservatory.

722

**pompous; self-important**

Convinced of his own importance, the actor strutted about the dressing room with a consequential air.

721

**absence of contradictions; dependability**

Holmes judged puddings and explanations on their consistency; he liked his puddings without lumps and his explanations without improbabilities.

724

**deliver officially; entrust; set apart**

The court consigned the child to her paternal grandmother's care.

723

**harmony; agreement**

Her agitation seemed out of consonance with her usual calm.

726

**lessen sadness or disappointment; give**

When her father died, Marius did his best to console Cosette.

725

**husband or wife**

The search for a consort for the young Queen Victoria ended happily.

728

**associate with**

We frequently judge people by the company with whom they consort.

727

**supporter**

The congressman received hundreds of letters from angry constituents after the Equal Rights Amendment failed to pass.

730

**treacherous plot**

Brutus and Cassius joined in the conspiracy to kill Julius Caesar.

729

**explain; interpret**

If I construe your remarks correctly, you disagree with the theory already advanced.

732

**compulsion; repression of feelings**

There was a feeling of constraint in the room because no one dared to criticize the speaker.

731

## infection

Fearing contagion, they took drastic steps to prevent the spread of the disease.

734

## complete

I have never seen anyone who makes as many stupid errors as you do; you must be a consummate idiot.

733

## scorn; disdain

Even if you feel superior to others, it is unwise to show your contempt for them.

736

## pollute

The sewage system of the city so contaminated the water that swimming was forbidden.

735

## quarrelsome

We heard loud and contentious noises in the next room.

738

## struggle; compete; assert earnestly

In *Revolt of the Black Athlete*, sociologist Harry Edwards contends that young black athletes have been exploited by some college recruiters.

737

## writings preceding and following the p

Because these lines are taken out of context, they do not convey the message the author intended.

740

## dispute

The defeated candidate attempted to contest the election results.

739

## self-restraint; sexual chastity

She vowed to lead a life of continence.

742

## adjacent to; touching upon

The two countries are contiguous for a few miles; then they are separated by the gulf.

741

## twistings; distortions

As the effects of the opiate wore away, the contortions of the patient became more violent and demonstrated how much pain she was enduring.

744

## conditional

The continuation of this contract is contingent on the quality of your first output.

743

**contradict; oppose: infringe on or trans**

Mr. Barrett did not expect his frail daughter Elizabeth to contravene his will by eloping with Robert Browning.

746

**illegal trade; smuggling; smuggled goo**

The coast guard tries to prevent contraband in U.S. waters.

745

**forced; artificial; not spontaneous**

Feeling ill at ease with his new in-laws; James made a few contrived attempts at conversation and then retreated into silence.

748

**penitent**

Her contrite tears did not influence the judge when he imposed sentence.

747

**disobedient; resisting authority**

The contumacious mob shouted defiantly at the police.

750

**oppose with arguments; contradict**

To controvert your theory will require much time but it is essential that we disprove it.

749

**riddle; difficult problem**

During the long car ride, she invented conundrums to entertain the children.

752

**bruise**

She was treated for contusions and abrasions.

751

**social or moral custom; established pra**

Flying in the face of convention, George Sand (Amandine Dudevant) shocked her contemporaries by taking lovers and wearing men's clothes.

754

**assemble**

Because much is needed legislation had to be enacted, the governor ordered the legislature to convene in special session by January 15.

753

**come together**

Marchers converged on Washington for the great Save Our Cities-Save Our Children March.

756

**ordinary; typical**

His conventional upbringing left him wholly unprepared for his wife's eccentric family.

755

## opposite

The inevitable converse of peace is not war but annihilation.

758

## familiar with

The lawyer is conversant with all the evidence.

757

## curving outward

He polished the convex lens of his telescope.

760

## one who has adopted a different religio

On his trip to Japan, though the President spoke at length about the merits of American automobiles, he made few converts to his beliefs.

759

## strongly held belief

Nothing could shake his conviction that she was innocent.

762

## vehicle; transfer

During the transit strike, commuters used various kinds of conveyances.

761

## call together

Congress was convoked at the outbreak of the emergency.

764

## festive; gay; characterized by joviality

The convivial celebrators of the victory sang their college songs.

763

## plentiful

She had copious reasons for rejecting the proposal.

766

## coiled around; involved; intricate

His argument was so convoluted that few of us could follow a it intelligently.

765

## gracious; heartfelt

Our hosts greeted us at the airport with a cordial welcome and a hearty hug.

768

## flirt

Because she refused to give him an answer to his proposal of marriage, he called her a coquette.

767



**projecting molding on building (usually)**

Because the stones forming the cornice had been loosened by the storms, the police closed the building until repairs could be made.

770

**extended line of men or fortifications to**

The police cordon was so tight that the criminals could not leave the area.

769

**consequence; accompaniment**

Brotherly love is a complex emotion, with a sibling rivalry its natural corollary.

772

**horn overflowing with fruit and grain;**

The encyclopedia salesman claimed the new edition was a veritable cornucopia of information, an inexhaustible source of knowledge for the entire family.

771

**very fat**

The corpulent man resolved to reduce.

774

**bodily; material**

He was not a churchgoer; he was interested only in corporeal matters.

773

**confirm**

Unless we find a witness to corroborate your evidence, it will not stand up in court.

776

**mutual relationship**

He sought to determine the correlation that existed between ability in algebra and ability to interpret reading exercises.

775

**wrinkled; ridged**

She wished she could smooth away the wrinkles from his corrugated brow.

778

**eating away by chemicals or disease**

Stainless steel is able to withstand the effects of corrosive chemicals.

777

**group that meets socially; select circle**

After his book had been published, he was invited to join the literary coterie that lunched daily at the hotel.

780

**pertaining to the universe; vast**

cosmic rays derive their name from the fact that they bombard the earth's atmosphere from outer space.

779

**face**

When Jose saw his newborn daughter, a proud smile spread across his countenance.

782

**approve; tolerate**

He refused to countenance such rude behavior on their part.

781

**a thing that completes another; things v**

Night and day are counterparts.

784

**cancel; revoke**

The general countermand the orders issued in his absence.

783

**join; unite**

The Flying Karamazovs couple expert juggling and amateur joking in their nightclub act.

786

**highly successful action or sudden attack**

As the news of his coup spread throughout Wall Street, his fellow brokers dropped by to congratulate him.

785

**agreement**

We must comply with the terms of the covenant.

788

**messenger**

The publisher sent a special courier to pick up the manuscript.

787

**avaricious; eagerly desirous of**

The child was covetous by nature and wanted to take the toys belonging to his classmates.

790

**secret; hidden; implied**

She could understand the covert threat in the letter.

789

**shrink quivering, as from fear**

The frightened child cowered in the corner of the room.

792

**terrorize; intimidate**

The little boy was so cowed by the hulking bully that he gave up his lunch money without a word of protest.

791

**cheat; hoodwink; swindle**

He was the kind of individual who would cozen his friends in a cheap card game but remain eminently ethical in all his business dealings.

794

**shy; modest; coquettish**

She was coy in her answers to his offer.

793

**very unrefined; grossly insensible**

The philosophers deplored the crass commercialism.

796

**sour; peevish**

The children avoided the crabbed old man because he scolded them when they made noise.

795

**belief**

Do not place any credence in his promises.

798

**cowardly**

When he saw the enemy troops advancing, he had a craven impulse to run for his life.

797

**belief on slight evidence**

The witch doctor took advantage of the credulity of the superstitious natives.

800

**creed**

I believe we may best describe his credo by saying that it approximates the Golden Rule.

799

**increase in the volume or intensity, as i**

The overture suddenly changed from a quiet pastoral theme to a crescendo featuring blaring trumpets and clashing cymbals.

802

**system of religious or ethical belief**

In any loyal American's creed, love of democracy must be emphasized.

801

**crack; fissure**

The mountain climbers found footholds in the tiny crevices in the mountainside.

804

**dejected; dispirited**

We were surprised at his reaction to the failure of his project; instead of being crestfallen, he was busily engaged in planning new activities.

803

## standards used in judging

What criteria did you use when you selected this essay as the prize winner?

806

## shrink back, as if in fear

The dog cringed, expecting a blow.

805

## eccentric; whimsical

Although he was reputed to be a crochety old gentleman, I found his ideas substantially sound and sensible.

808

## hag

The toothless crone frightened us when she smiled.

807

## secret recess or vault usually used for b

Until recently only bodies of rulers and leading statesmen were interred in this crypt.

810

## crucial point

This is the crux of the entire problem.

809

## small chamber used for sleeping

After his many hours of intensive study in the library he retired to his cubicle.

812

## mysterious; hidden; secret

His cryptic remarks could not be interpreted.

811

## relating to cooking

Many chefs attribute their culinary skill to the wise use of spices.

814

## style of cooking

French cuisine is noted for its use of sauces and wines.

813

## attainment of highest point

His inauguration as President of the United States marked the culmination of his political career.

816

## pick out; reject

Every month the farmer culls the nonplaying hens from his flock and sells them to the local butcher.

815

## artificial channel for water

If we build a culvert under the road at this point, we will reduce the possibility of the road at this point, we will reduce the possibility of the road's being flooded during the rainy season.

818

## deserving blame

Corrupt politicians who condone the activities of the gamblers are equally culpable.

817

## growing by addition

Vocabulary building is a cumulative process: as you go through your flash cards, you will add new words to your vocabulary, one by one.

820

## heavy; hard to manage

He was burdened down with cumbersome parcels.

819

## superintendent; manager

The members of the board of trustees of the museum expected the new curator to plan events and exhibitions that would make the museum more popular.

822

## greed

The defeated people could not satisfy the cupidity of the conquerors, who demanded excessive tribute.

821

## flowing, running

In normal writing we run our letters together in cursive form; in printing, we separate the letters.

824

## churlish, miserly individual

Although he was regarded by many as a curmudgeon, a few of us were aware of the many kindnesses and acts of charity that he secretly performed.

823

## shorten; reduce

During the coal shortage, we must curtail our use of this vital commodity.

826

## casual; hastily done

A cursory examination of the ruins indicates the possibility of arson; a more extensive study should be undertaken.

825

## object of general attention

As soon as the movie star entered the room, she became the cynosure of all eyes.

828

## skeptical or distrustful of human motiv

cynical at all times, he was suspicious of all altruistic actions of others.

827

**accidental; not regular or permanent; casual**

It can be argued that physical laws can be casual as well as inveterate, since it is based on an induction.

830

**anxiety, dismay**

Lincoln is famous for saying that the consternations during the civil war had left him decrepit.

829

**trifle with; procrastinate**

Laertes told Ophelia that Hamlet could only dally with her affections.

832

**raised platform for guests of honor**

When he approached the dais, he was greeted by cheers from the people who had come to honor him.

831

**neat and trim**

In "The Odd Couple," Tony Randall played Felix Unger, an excessively dapper soul who could not stand to have a hair out of place.

834

**damp**

The walls of the dungeon were dank and slimy.

833

**smear (as with paint)**

From the way he daubed his paint on the canvas, I could tell he knew nothing of oils.

836

**spotted**

The sunlight filtering through the screens created a dappled effect on the wall.

835

**bold**

Despite the dangerous nature of the undertaking, the dauntless soldier volunteered for the assignment.

838

**intimidate**

Your threats cannot daunt me.

837

**standstill; stalemate**

The negotiations had reached a deadlock.

840

**loiter; waste time**

Inasmuch as we must meet a deadline, do not dawdle over this work.

839

## scarcity

The dearth of skilled labor compelled the employers to open trade schools.

842

## wooden; impassive

We wanted to see how long he could maintain his deadpan expression.

841

## reduce to lower state

Do not debase yourself by becoming maudlin.

844

## breaking up; downfall

This debacle in the government can only result in anarchy.

843

## weaken; enfeeble

Overindulgence debilitates character as well as physical stamina.

846

## corrupt; make intemperate

A vicious newspaper can debauch public ideals.

845

## rubble

A full year after the earthquake in Mexico City, workers were still carting away the debris.

848

## friendly; aiming to please

The debonair youth was liked by all who met him, because of his cheerful and obliging manner.

847

## young woman making formal entrance

As a debutante, she was often mentioned in the society columns of the newspapers.

850

## expose as false, exaggerated, worthless

Pointing out that he consistently had voted against strengthening antipollution legislation, reporters debunked the candidate's claim that he was a fervent environmentalist.

849

## pour off gently

Be sure to decant this wine before serving it.

852

## decay

The moral decadence of the people was reflected in the lewd literature of the period.

851

## slow down

Seeing the emergency blinkers in the road ahead, he decelerated quickly.

854

## behead

They did not hang Lady Jane Grey; they decapitated her.

853

## kill, usually one out of ten

We do more to decimate our population in automobile accidents than we do in war.

856

## falling off, as of leaves

The oak is a deciduous tree.

855

## downward slope

The children loved to ski down the declivity.

858

## decode

I could not decipher the doctor's handwriting.

857

## decay

Despite the body's advanced state of decomposition, the police were able to identify the murdered man.

860

## having a low-cut neckline

Fashion decrees that evening gowns be décolleté this season; bare shoulders are again the vogue.

859

## lure or bait

The wild ducks were not fooled by the decoy.

862

## propriety; seemliness

Shocked by the unruly behavior, the teacher criticized the class for its lack of decorum.

861

## express strong disapproval of ; disparage

The founder of the Children's Defense Fund, Marian Wright Edelman, strongly decries the lack of financial and moral support for children in America today.

864

## state of collapse caused by illness or old age

I was unprepared for the state of decrepitude in which I had found my old friend; he seemed to have aged twenty years in six months.

863



## mar; disfigure

If you deface a library book, you will have to pay a hefty fine.

866

## derived by reasoning

If we accept your premise, your conclusions are easily deducible.

865

## failure to do

As a result of her husband's failure to appear in court, she was granted a divorce by default.

868

## harming a person's reputation

Such defamation of character may result in a slander suit.

867

## desertion

The children, who had made him an idol, were hurt most by his defection from our cause.

870

## resigned to defeat; accepting defeat as

If you maintain your defeatist attitude, you will never succeed.

869

## pollute; profane

The hoodlums defiled the church with their scurrilous writing.

872

## courteous regard for another's wish

In deference to his desires, the employers granted him a holiday.

871

## turn aside

His life was saved when his cigarette case deflected the bullet.

874

## most reliable or complee

Carl Sandburg's Abraham Lincoln may be regarded as the definitive work on the life of the Great Emancipator.

873

## provide ofr the payment of

Her employer offered to defray the costs of her postgraduate education.

876

## destroy leaves

In Vietnam the army made extensive use of chemical agents to defoliate the woodlands.

875

**neat; skillful**

The deft waiter uncorked the champagne without spilling a drop.

878

**to strip a priest or minister of church a**

We knew the minister had violated church regulations, but we had not realized his offense was serious enough to cause him to be defrocked.

877

**become worse; deteriorate**

As the fight dragged on, the champion's style degenerated until he could barely keep on his feet.

880

**dead; no longer in use or existence**

The lawyers sought to examine the books of the defunct corporation.

879

**remove water from; dry out**

Vigorous dancing quickly dehydrates the body; between dances, be sure to drink more water than normal.

882

**lowered in rank; debased**

The degraded wretch spoke only of his past glories and honors.

881

**condescend**

He felt that he would debase himself if he deigned to answer his critics.

884

**turn into a god; idolize**

Admire the rock star all you want; just don't deify him.

883

**harmful**

Workers in nuclear research must avoid the deleterious effects of radioactive substances.

886

**erase; strike out**

If you delete this paragraph, the composition will have more appeal.

885

**portray**

He is weakest when he attempts to delineate character.

888

**consider; ponder; unhurried**

Offered the new job, she asked for time to deliberate before she made her decision.

887

**flat plain of mud or sand between branches**

His dissertation discussed the effect of intermittent flooding on the fertility of the Nile delta.

890

**mental disorder marked by confusion**

The drunkard in his delirium saw strange animals.

889

**flood; rush**

When we advertised the position, we received a deluge of applications.

892

**deceive**

Do not delude yourself into believing that he will relent.

891

**deceptive; raising vain hopes**

Do not raise your hopes on the basis of his delusive promises.

894

**false belief; hallucination**

This scheme is a snare and a delusion.

893

**person who appeals to people's prejudices**

He was accused of being a demagogue because he made promises that aroused futile hopes in his listeners.

896

**dig; investigate**

Delving into old books and manuscripts is part of a researcher's job.

895

**behavior; bearing**

His sober demeanor quieted the noisy revelers.

898

**degrade; humiliate**

He felt that he would demean himself if he replied to the scurrilous letter.

897

**death**

Upon the demise of the dictator, a bitter dispute about succession to power developed.

900

**insane**

She became increasingly demented and had to be hospitalized.

899

## destruction

One of the major aims of the air force was the complete demolition of all means of transportation by the bombing of rail lines and the terminals.

902

## related to population balance

In conducting a survey, one should take into account demographic trends in the region.

901

## pertaining to the people

He lamented the passing of aristocratic society and maintained that a demotic society would lower the nation's standards.

904

## fiendish

The Spanish Inquisition devised many demoniac means of torture.

903

## grave; serious; coy

She was demure and reserved.

906

## delay; object

To demur at this time will only worsen the already serious situation; now is the time for action.

905

## inhabitant of

Ghosts are denizens of the land of the dead who return to earth.

908

## blacken

All attempts to denigrate the character of our late President have failed; the people still love him and cherish his memory.

907

## outcome; final development of the plot

The play was childishly written; the denouement was obvious to sophisticated theatergoers as early as the middle of the first act.

910

## meaning; distinguishing by name

A dictionary will always give us the denotation of a word; frequently, it will always give us its connotation.

909

## portray

In this book, the author depicts the slave owners as kind and benevolent masters.

912

## condemn; criticize

The reform candidate denounced the corrupt city officers for having betrayed the public's trust.

911

**regret**

Although I deplore the vulgarity of your language, I defend your right to express yourself freely.

914

**reduce; exhaust**

We must wait until we deplete our present inventory before we order replacements.

913

**dethrone; remove from office**

The army attempted to depose the king and set up a military government.

916

**move troops so that the battle line is exposed**

The general ordered the battalion to deploy in order to meet the offensive of the enemy.

915

**corruption; wickedness**

The depravity of the tyrant's behavior shocked us all.

918

**testimony under oath**

He made his deposition in the judge's chamber.

917

**lessen in value**

If you neglect this properly, it will depreciate.

920

**express disapproval of; protest against;**

A firm believer in old-fashioned courtesy, Miss Post deprecated the modern tendency to address new acquaintances by their first names.

919

**insane**

He had to be institutionalized because he was deranged.

922

**plundering**

After the depredations of the invaders, the people were penniless.

921

**scoff at**

The people derided his grandiose schemes.

924

**neglectful of duty; abandoned**

The corporal who fell asleep while on watch was thrown into the guardhouse for being derelict in his duty.

923

**unoriginal; obtained from another source**

Although her early poetry was clearly derivative in nature, the critics thought she had promise and eventually would find her own voice.

926

**ridicule**

They greeted his proposal with derision and refused to consider it seriously.

925

**expressing a low opinion**

I resent your derogatory remarks.

928

**one who studies the skin and its diseases**

I advise you to consult a dermatologist about your acne.

927

**profane; violate the sanctity of**

The soldiers desecrated the temple.

930

**catch sight of**

In the distance, we could barely descry the enemy vessels.

929

**rob of joy; lay waste to; forsake**

The bandits desolated the countryside, burning farms and carrying off the harvest.

932

**dry up**

A tour of this smokehouse will give you an idea of how the pioneers used to desiccate food in order to preserve it.

931

**contemptible**

Your despicable remarks call for no reply.

934

**reckless outlaw**

Butch Cassidy was a bold desperado with a price on his head.

933

**plunder**

If you do not yield, I am afraid the enemy will despoil the countryside.

936

**scorn**

I despise your attempts at a reconciliation at this time and refuse to meet you.

935

**tyranny**

The people rebelled against the despotism of the king.

938

**depressed; gloomy**

To the dismay of his parents, he became more and more dependant every day.

937

**aimless; haphazard; digressing at random**

In prison Malcolm X set himself the task of reading straight through the dictionary; to him reading was purposeful, not desultory.

940

**extremely poor**

The costs of the father's illness left the family destitute.

939

**having a fixed order of procedure; inviolate**

At the royal wedding, the procession of the nobles followed a determinate order of precedence.

942

**emotionally removed; calm and objective**

A psychoanalyst must maintain a detached point of view and stay uninvolved with her patients' personal lives.

941

**explosion**

The detonation of the bomb could be heard miles away.

944

**something that discourages; hindrance**

Does the threat of capital punishment serve as a deterrent to potential killers?

943

**harmful; damaging**

Your acceptance of her support will ultimately prove detrimental rather than helpful to your cause.

946

**slandering; aspersion**

He is offended by your frequent detractions of his ability as a leader.

945

**going astray; erratic**

Your devious behavior in this matter puzzles me since you are usually direct and straightforward.

948

**turn away from**

Do not deviate from the truth; you must face the facts.

947

## deputize; pass to others

It devolved upon us, the survivors, to arrange peace terms with the enemy.

950

## lacking

He was devoid of any personal desire for gain in his endeavor to secure improvement in the community.

949

## pious

The devout man prayed daily.

952

## enthusiastic follower

A devotee of the opera, he bought season tickets every year.

951

## devilish

This scheme is so diabolical that I must reject it.

954

## skillful

The magician was so dexterous that we could not follow his movements as he performed his tricks.

953

## art of debate

I am not skilled in dialectic and therefore, cannot answer your arguments as forcefully as I wish.

956

## crown

The king's diadem was on display at the museum.

955

## bitter scolding; invective

During the lengthy diatribe delivered by his opponent he remained calm and self-controlled.

958

## sheer; transparent

They saw the burglar clearly through the diaphanous curtain.

957

## authoritative and weighty statement

She repeated the statement as though it were the dictum of the most expert worker in the group.

960

## branching into two parts

The dichotomy of our legislative system provides us with many safeguards.

959



device for stamping or impressing; mo]

In coining pennies, workers at the old mint squeezed sheets of softened copper between two dies.

962

teaching; instructional; preaching or m

The didactic qualities of his poetry overshadow its literary qualities; the lesson he teaches is more memorable than the lines.

961

wordiness; spreading in all directions l

Your composition suffers from a diffusion of ideas; try to be more compact.

964

shyness

You must overcome your diffidence if you intend to become a salesperson.

963

ruined because of neglect

We felt that the dilapidated building needed several coats of paint.

966

wandering away from the subject

Nobody minded when Professor Renoir's lectures wandered away from their official theme; his digressions were always more fascinating than the topic of the day.

965

delaying

Your dilatory tactics may compel me to cancel the contract.

968

expand

In the dark, the pupils of your eyes dilate.

967

aimless follower of the arts; amateur; d

He was not serious in his painting; he was rather a dilettante.

970

problem; choice of two unsatisfactory :

In this dilemma, he knew no one to whom he could turn for advice.

969

make less concentrated; reduce in stren

She preferred her coffee diluted with milk.

972

steadiness of effort; persisten hard wor

Her employers were greatly impressed by her diligence and offered her a partnership in the firm.

971

## continued loud noise

The din of the jackhammers outside the classroom window drowned out the lecturer's voice.

974

## lessening; reduction in size

The blockaders hoped to achieve victory as soon as the diminution of the enemy's supplies became serious.

973

## dull; not fresh; cheerless

Refusing to be depressed by her dingy studio apartment, Bea spent the weekend polishing the floors and windows and hanging bright posters on the walls.

976

## small boat (often ship's boat)

In the film Lifeboat, an ill-assorted group of passengers from a sunken ocean liner are marooned at sea in a dinghy.

975

## like-size, three-dimensional scene from

Because they dramatically pose actual stuffed animals against realistic painted landscapes, the dioramas at the Museum of Natural History particularly impress high school biology students.

978

## means; effort

By dint of much hard work, the volunteers were able to control the raging forest fire.

977

## lament with music

The funeral dirge stirred us to tears.

980

## disastrous

People ignored her dire predictions of an approaching depression.

979

## disloyal

Once the most loyal of Gorbachev's supporters, Shverdnaze found himself becoming increasingly disaffected.

982

## correct a false impression; undeceive

I will attempt to disabuse you of your impression of my client's guilt; I know he is innocent.

981

## a disorderly or untidy state

After the New Year's party, the once orderly house was in total disarray.

984

## disapproval; condemnation

The conservative father viewed his daughter's radical boyfriend with disapprobation.

983

**dissolve; disperse**

The chess club disbanded after its disastrous initial season.

986

**denial; disclaiming**

His disavowal of his part in the conspiracy was not believed by the jury.

985

**distinguishable; perceivable**

The ships in the harbor were not discernible in the fog.

988

**pay out**

When you disburse money on the company's behalf, be sure to get a receipt.

987

**disown; renounce claim to**

If I grant you this privilege, will you disclaim all other rights?

990

**mentally quick and observant; having i**

Because he was considered the most discerning member of the firm, he was assigned the most difficult cases.

989

**confused; discomposed**

The novice square dancer became so discombobulated that he wandered into wrong set.

992

**reveal**

Although competitors offered him bribes, he refused to disclose any information about his company's forthcoming product.

991

**confuse; upset; embarrass**

The lawyer was disconcerted by the evidence produced by her adversary.

994

**put to rout; defeat; disconcert**

This ruse will discomfit the enemy.

993

**inharmonious; conflicting**

She tried to unite the discordant factions.

996

**sad**

The death of his wife left him disconsolate.

995

## formal discussion; conversation

The young Plato was drawn to the Agora to hear the philosophical discourse of Socrates and his followers.

998

## disregard

Be prepared to discount what he has to say about his ex-wife.

997

## lack of consistency; difference

The police noticed some discrepancies in his description of the crime and did not believe him.

1000

## defame; destroy confidence in; disbelief

The campaign was highly negative in tone; each candidate tried to discredit the other.

999

## prudence; ability to adjust actions to circumstances

Use your discretion in this matter and do not discuss it with anyone.

1002

## separate; unconnected

The universe is composed of discrete bodies.

1001

## digressing; rambling

They were annoyed and bored by her discursive remarks.

1004

## ability to see differences; prejudice

They feared he lacked sufficient discrimination to judge complex works of modern art.

1003

## go ashore; unload cargo from a ship

Before the passengers could disembark, they had to pick up their passports from the ship's purser.

1006

## treat with scorn or contempt

You make enemies of all you disdain.

1005

## uncouple; separate; disconnect

A standard movie routine involves the hero's desperate attempt to disengage a railroad car from a moving train.

1008

## deprive of a civil right

The imposition of the poll tax effectively disenfranchised poor Southern blacks, who lost their right to vote.

1007

**surrender something; efect; vomit**

Unwilling to disgorge the cash he had stolen from the pension fund, the embezzler tried to run away.

1010

**mar the appearance of; spoil**

An ugly frown disfigured his normally pleasant face.

1009

**discourage**

His failure to pass the bar exam disheartened him.

1012

**make discontented**

The passengers were disgruntled by the numerous delays.

1011

**unwillingness**

Some mornings I feel a great disinclination to get out of bed.

1014

**untidy**

Your disheveled appearance will hurt your chances in this interview.

1013

**dig up; unearth**

They disinterred the body and held an autopsy.

1016

**not naive; sophisticated**

Although he was young, his remarks indicated that he was disingenous.

1015

**disconnected**

His remarks were so disjointed that we could not follow his reasoning.

1018

**unprejudiced**

The only disinterested person in the room was the judge.

1017

**take apart**

When the show closed, they dismantled the scenery before restoring it.

1020

**remove (forcible)**

Thrusting her fist up under the choking man's lower ribs, Margaret used the Heimlich maneuver to dislodge the food caught in this throat.

1019

## eliminate from consideration; reject

Believing in John's love for her, she dismissed the notion that he might be unfaithful.

1022

## cut into small parts

When the Austrian Empire was dismembered, several new countries were established.

1021

## basically different; unrelated

It is difficult, if not impossible, to organize these disparate elements into a coherent whole.

1024

## belittle

Do not disparage anyone's contribution; these little gifts add up to large sums.

1023

## calm; impartial

In a dispassionate analysis of the problem, he carefully examined the causes of the conflict and proceeded to suggest suitable remedies.

1026

## difference; condition of inequality

The disparity in their ages made no difference at all.

1025

## scatter; drive away; cause to vanish

The bright sunlight eventually dispelled the morning mist.

1028

## speediness; prompt execution; message

Young Napoleon defeated the enemy with all possible dispatch; he then sent a dispatch to headquarters, informing his commander of the great victory.

1027

## lacking in spirit

The coach used all the tricks at his command to buoy up the enthusiasm of his team, which I had become dispirited at the loss of the star player.

1030

## scatter

The police fired tear gas into crowd to disperse the protesters.

1029

## argumentative; fond of argument

People avoided discussing contemporary problems with him because of his disputatious manner.

1032

## amuse

The popularity of Florida as a winter resort is constantly increasing; each year, thousands more disport themselves at Miami and Palm Beach.

1031

**analysis; cutting apart in order to exam**

The dissection of frogs on the laboratory is particularly unpleasant to some students.

1034

**a formal systematic inquiry; an explan**

In his disquisition, he outlined the steps he had taken in reaching his conclusions.

1033

**scatter (like seeds)**

The invention of the radio helped propagandists to disseminate their favorite doctrines very easily.

1036

**disguise; pretend**

Even though John tried to dissemble his motive for taking modern dance, we all knew there not to dance but to meet girls.

1035

**formal essay**

In order to earn a graduate degree from many of our universities, a candidate is frequently required to prepare a dissertation on some scholarly subject.

1038

**disagree**

In a landmark Supreme Court decision, Justice Marshall dissented from the majority opinion.

1037

**pretend; conceal by feigning**

She tried to dissimulate her grief by her exuberant attitude.

1040

**dissenting; rebellious**

In the purge that followed the student demonstrations at Tianamen Square, the government hunted down the dissident students and their supporters.

1039

**disintegration; looseness in morals**

The profligacy and dissolution of life in Caligula's Rome appall some historians.

1042

**squander**

The young man quickly dissipated his inheritance and was soon broke.

1041

**advise against**

He could not dissuade his friend from joining the conspirators.

1044

**discord**

Some contemporary musicians deliberately use dissonance to achieve certain effects.

1043

### expand;swell out

I can tell when he is under stress by the way the veins distend on his forehead.

1046

### reserved or aloof; cold in manner

His distant greeting made me feel unwelcome from the start.

1045

### twisting out of shape

It is difficult to believe the newspaper accounts of this event because of the distortions and exaggerations of the reporters.

1048

### purify; refine; concentrate

A moonshiner distills mash into whiskey; an epigrammatist distills thoughts into quips.

1047

### upset; distracted by anxiety

The distraught parents frantically searched the ravine for their lost child.

1050

### absentminded

Because of his concentration on the problem, the professor often appeared distraught and unconcerned about routine.

1049

### operatic singer; prima donna

Although world famous as a diva, she did not indulge in fits of temperament.

1052

### daily

A farmer cannot neglect his diurnal tasks at any time; cows, for example, must be milked regularly.

1051

### differing; deviating

The two witnesses presented the jury with remarkably divergent accounts of the same episode.

1054

### vary; go in different directions from the

The spokes of the wheel diverge from the hub.

1053

### act of turning aside; pastime

After studying for several hours, he needed a diversion from work.

1056

### differing in some characteristics; various

There are diverse ways of approaching this problem.

1055



**strip; deprive**

He was divested of his power to act and could no longer govern.

1058

**variety; dissimilitude**

The diversity of colleges in this country indicates that many levels of ability are being served.

1057

**reveal**

I will not tell you this news because I am sure you will divulge it prematurely.

1060

**perceive intuitively; foresee the future**

Nothing infuriated Tom more than Aunt Polly's ability to divine when he was not telling the truth.

1059

**program as for trial; book where such e**

The case of Smith v. Jones was entered in the docket for July 15.

1062

**obedient; easily managed**

As docile as he seems today, that old lion was once a ferocious, snarling beast.

1061

**provide written evidence**

She kept all the receipts from her business trip in order to document her expenses for the firm.

1064

**unable to compromise about points of c**

Weng had hoped that the student-led democracy movement might bring about change in China, but the repressive response of the doctrinaire hard-liners crushed his dreams of democracy.

1063

**take off**

A gentleman used to doff his hat to a lady.

1066

**shaky; infirm from old age**

Although he is not as yet a doddering and senile old man, his ideas and opinions no longer can merit the respect we gave them years ago.

1065

**poorverse**

Although we find occasional snatches of genuine poetry in her work, most of her writing is mere doggerel.

1068

**determined; stubborn**

Les Miserables tells of Inspector Javert's long, dogged pursuit of the criminal Jean Valjean.

1067

## blues; listlessness; slack period

Once the excitement of meeting her deadline was over, she found herself in the doldrums.

1070

## positive; arbitrary

Do not be so dogmatic about that statement; it can be easily refuted.

1069

## stupid person

I thought I was talking to a mature audience; instead, I find myself addressing a pack of dolts.

1072

## sorrowful

He found the dolorous lamentations of the bereaved family emotionally disturbing and he left as quickly as he could.

1071

## rule over tyrannically

Students prefer teachers who guide, not ones who domineer.

1074

## home

Although his legal domicile was in New York City, his work kept him away from his residence for many years.

1073

## sleeping; lethargic; torpid

Sometimes dormant talents in our friends surprise those of us who never realize how gifted our acquaintances really are.

1076

## put on

When Clark Kent had to don his Superman outfit, he changed clothes in a convenient phone booth.

1075

## relating to the back of an animal

A shark may be identified by its dorsal fin, which projects above the surface of the ocean.

1078

## window projecting from roof

In remodeling the attic into a bedroom, we decided that we needed to put in dormers to provide sufficient ventilation for the new room.

1077

## senility

In his dotage, the old man bored us with long tales of events in his childhood.

1080

## file of documents on a subject

Ordered by J. Edgar Hoover to investigate the senator, the FBI compiled a complete dossier.

1079

**sullen; stubborn**

The man was dour and taciturn.

1082

**be excessively fond of; show signs of**

Not only grandmothers bore you with stories about their brilliant grandchildren; grandfathers dote on the little rascals, too.

1081

**slovenly; untidy**

She tried to change her dowdy image by buying a fashionable new wardrobe.

1084

**plunge into water; drench; extinguish**

They doused each other with hoses and balloons.

1083

**dull; lacking color; cheerless**

The Dutch woman's drab winter coat contrasted with the distinctive, colorful native costume she wore beneath it.

1086

**disheartened; sad**

Cheerful and optimistic by nature, Beth was never downcast despite the difficulties she faced.

1085

**queer and amusing**

He was a popular guest because his droll anecdotes were always entertaining.

1088

**sediment; worthless residue**

David poured the wine carefully to avoid stirring up the dregs.

1087

**talk dully; buzz or murmur like a bee**

On a gorgeous day, who wants to be stuck in a classroom listening to the teacher drone?

1090

**idle person; male bee**

Content to let his wife support him, the would-be writer was in reality nothing but a drone.

1089

**menial work**

Cinderella's fairy godmother rescued her from a life of drudgery.

1092

**waste matter; worthless impurities**

Many methods have been devised to separate the valuable metal from the dross.

1091

**malleability; flexibility; ability to be dr**

Copper wire has many industrial uses because of its extreme ductility.

1094

**doubtful**

He has the dubious distinction of being the lowest man in his class.

1093

**someone easily fooled**

While the gullible Watson often was made a dupe by unscrupulous parties, Sherlock Holmes was far more difficult to fool.

1096

**sweet sounding**

The dulcet sounds of the birds at dawn were soon drowned out by the roar of traffic passing our motel.

1095

**forcible restraint, especially unlawfully**

The hostages were held under duress until the prisoners' demands were met.

1098

**double-dealing; hypocrisy**

People were shocked and dismayed when they learned of his duplicity in this affair, as he had always seemed honest and straightforward.

1097

**shrink; reduce**

They spent so much money that their funds dwindled to nothing.

1100

**respectful; obedient**

The dutiful child grew up to be a conscientious adult aware of his civic obligations.

1099

**suffering from indigestion**

All the talk about rich food made him feel dyspeptic.

1102

**active; efficient**

A dynamic government is necessary to meet the demands of a changing society.

1101

**recede; lessen**

His fortunes began to ebb during the recession.

1104

**unrefined; coarse**

His earthy remarks often embarrassed the women in the audience.

1103

**odd; whimsical; irregular**

The comet passed close by the earth in its eccentric orbit.

1106

**showing excitement; overflowing with**

His ebullient nature could not be repressed.

1105

**pertaining to the church**

The minister donned his ecclesiastic garb and walked to the pulpit.

1108

**oddity; idiosyncrasy**

Some of his friends tried to account for his rudeness to strangers as the eccentricity of genius.

1107

**darken; extinguish; surpass**

The new stock market high eclipsed the previous record set in 1985.

1110

**selective; composed of elements drawn**

His style of interior decoration was eclectic: bits and pieces of furnishings from widely divergent periods, strikingly juxtaposed to create a unique color.

1109

**efficiency or conciseness in using some**

Reading the epigrams of Pope, I admire the economy of his verse: in few words he conveys worlds of meaning.

1112

**person concerned with the interrelation**

The ecologist was concerned that the new dam would upset the natural balance of the creatures living in Glen Canyon.

1111

**swirling current of water, air, etc.**

The water in the tide pool was still, except for an occasional eddy.

1114

**rapture, joy; any overpowering emotion**

The announcement that the war had ended brought on an ecstasy that resulted in many uncontrolled celebrations.

1113

**weird**

In that eerie setting, it was easy to believe in ghosts and other supernatural beings.

1116

**instruct; correct morally**

Although his purpose was to edify and not to entertain his audience, many of his listeners were amused and not enlightened.

1115

## efficient

If we are to succeed, we must seek effectual means of securing our goals.

1118

## rub out

The coin had been handled so many times that its data had been effaced.

1117

## inner excitement; exuberance

Nothing depressed her for long; her natural effervescence soon reasserted itself.

1120

## having womanly traits

His voice was high-pitched and effeminate.

1119

## power to produce desired effect

The efficacy of this drug depends on the regularity of the dosage.

1122

## worn out; exhausted; barren

The literature of the age reflected the effete condition of the writers; no new ideas were forthcoming.

1121

## noxious smell

Air pollution has become a serious problem in our major cities; the effluvium and the poisons in the air are hazards to life.

1124

## dummy

The mob showed its irritation by hanging the judge in effigy.

1123

## pouring forth

The critics objected to her literary effusion because it was too flowery.

1126

## shameless boldness

She had the effrontery to insult the guest.

1125

## excessive interest in one's self; belief th

others His egoism prevented him from seeing the needs of his colleagues.

1128

## pouring forth; gushing

Her effusive manner of greeting her friends finally began to irritate them.

1127

**notorious; conspicuously bad; shocking**

She was an egregious liar; we all knew better than to believe a word she said.

1130

**conceit; vanity**

She thought so much of herself that we found her egotism unwarranted and irritating.

1129

**exclamation**

He could not repress an ejaculation of surprise when he heard the news.

1132

**exit**

Barnum's sign "To the Egress" fooled many people who thought they were going to see an animal and instead found themselves in the street.

1131

**overjoyed; in high spirits**

Grinning from ear to ear, Bonnie Blair was clearly elated by her Olympic victory.

1134

**addition of details; intricacy**

Tell what happened simply, without any elaboration.

1133

**draw out by discussion**

The detectives tried to elicit where he had hidden his loot.

1136

**poem or song expressing lamentation**

On the death of Edward King, Milton composed the elegy "Lycidas."

1135

**omission of words from a text**

Sometimes an ellipsis can lead to a dangling modifier, as in the sentence "Once dressed, you should refrigerate the potato salad."

1138

**cure-all; something invigorating**

The news of her chance to go abroad acted on her like an elixir.

1137

**expressiveness; persuasive speech**

The crowds were stirred by Martin Luther King's eloquence.

1140

**oval; ambiguous, either purposely or by accident**

An elliptical billiard ball wobbles because it is not perfectly round; an elliptical remark baffles because it is not perfectly clear.

1139

**evasive; baffling; hard to grasp**

His elusive dreams of wealth were costly to those of his friends who supported him financially.

1142

**explain; enlighten**

He was called upon to elucidate the disputed points in his article.

1141

**thin and wasted**

His long period of starvation had left him emaciated.

1144

**relating to paradise; blissful**

An afternoon sail on the bay was for her an elysian journey.

1143

**set free**

At first, the attempts of the Abolitionist to emancipate the slaves were unpopular in New England as well as in the South.

1146

**issue forth**

A strong odor of sulfur emanated from the spring.

1145

**commence; go on board a boat; begin a**

In devoting herself to the study of gorillas, Dian Fossey embarked on a course of action that was to cost her her life.

1148

**ban on commerce or other activity**

As a result of the embargo, trade with colonies was at a standstill.

1147

**adorn**

My mother-in-law's stories about her journey from Russia made us laugh because she embellished the bare facts of her travels with humorous anecdotes.

1150

**enclose; place in something**

Tales of actual historical figures like King Alfred have become embedded in legends.

1149

**throw into confusion**

He became embroiled in the heated discussion when he tried to arbitrate the dispute.

1152

**stealing**

The bank teller confessed his embezzlement of the funds.

1151



**correct, usually a text**

The critic emended the book by retranslating several passages.

1154

**undeveloped; rudimentary**

The evil of class and race hatred must be eliminated while it is still in an embryonic state; otherwise, it may grow to dangerous proportions.

1153

**substance causing vomiting**

The use of an emetic like mustard is useful in cases of poisoning.

1156

**correction of errors; improvement**

Please initial all the emendations you have made in this contract.

1155

**agent; messenger**

The secretary of State was sent as the President's special emissary to the conference on disarmament.

1158

**high; lofty**

After his appointment to this eminent position, he seldom had time for his former friends.

1157

**salary; compensation**

In addition to the emolument this position offers, you must consider the social prestige it carries with it.

1160

**soothing or softening remedy**

He applied an emollient to the inflamed area.

1159

**based on experience**

He distrusted hunches and intuitive flashes; he placed his reliance entirely on empirical data.

1162

**ability to identify with another's feeling**

What made Ann such a fine counselor was her empathy, her ability to put herself in her client's place and feel his emotions as if they were her own.

1161

**in love**

Narcissus became enamored of his own beauty.

1164

**rival; imitate**

As long as our political leaders emulate the virtues of the great leaders of this country, we shall flourish.

1163

## praising; eulogistic

Some critics believe that his encomiastic statements about Napoleon were inspired by his desire for material advancement rather than by an honest belief in the Emperor's genius.

1166

## territory enclosed within an alien land

The Vatican is an independent enclave in Italy.

1165

## surround

Although we were encompassed by enemy forces, we were cheerful for we were well stocked and could withstand a siege until our allies joined us.

1168

## high praise; eulogy

Uneasy with the encomiums expressed by his supporters, Tolkien felt unworthy of such high praise.

1167

## burden

Some people encumber themselves with too much luggage, when they take short trips.

1170

## gradual intrusion

The encroachment of the factories upon the neighborhood lowered the value of the real estate.

1169

## prevailing among a specific group of people

This disease is endemic in this part of the world; more than 80 percent of the population are at one time or another affected by it.

1172

## fond word or act

Your gifts and endearments cannot make me forget your earlier insolence.

1171

## provide with some quality; endow

He was endowed with a lion's courage.

1174

## approve; support

Everyone waited to see which one of the rival candidates for the city council the mayor would endorse.

1173

## invigorate; make forceful and active

Rather than exhausting Maggie, dancing energized her.

1176

## lasting; surviving

Keats believed in the enduring power of great art, which outlast its creator's brief lives.

1175

## admit to the rights of citizenship (espec

Although blacks were enfranchised shortly after the Civil War, women did not receive the right to vote until 1920.

1178

## weaken

She was slow to recover from her illness; even a short walk to the window evervated her.

1177

## cause; produce

To receive praise for real accomplishments engenders self-confidence in a child.

1180

## attract; hire; pledge oneself; confront

"Your case has engaged my interest, my lord," said Holmes, "You many engage my services."

1179

## advance; improve

Your chances for promotion in this department will be enhanced if you take some more courses in evening school.

1182

## occupy fully

John was so engrossed in his studies that he did not hear his mother call.

1181

## obscure; puzzling

Many have sought to fathom the enigmatic smile of the Mona Lisa.

1184

## puzzle

Depite all attempts to decipher the code, it remained an enigma.

1183

## ill will; hatred

At Camp David President Carter labored to bring an end to the enmity that prevented Egypt and Israel from living in peace.

1186

## command; order; forbid

The owners of the company asked the court to enjoin the union from picketing the plant.

1185

## hugeness (in a bad sense)

He did not realize the enormity of his crime until he saw what suffering he had caused.

1188

## boredom

The monotonous routine of hopital life induced a feeling of ennui which made him moody and irritable.

1187

## settle comfortably

The parents thought that their children were ensconced safely in the private school and decided to leave for Europe.

1190

## please intensely

The audience was enraptured by the freshness of the voices and the excellent orchestration.

1189

## capture; enslave

From the moment he saw her picture, he was enthralled by her beauty.

1192

## follow

The evils that ensued were the direct result of the miscalculations of the leaders.

1191

## real being

As soon as the charter was adopted, the United Nations became an entity and had to be considered as a factor in world diplomacy.

1194

## lure; attract; tempt

She always tried to entice her baby brother into mischief.

1193

## put under a spell; carry away with emo

Shafts of sunlight on a wall could entrance her and leave her spellbound.

1196

## study of insects

I found entomology the least interesting part of my course in biology; studying insects bored me.

1195

## entrance; a way in

Because of his wealth and social position, he had entree into the most exclusive circles.

1198

## plead; ask earnestly

She entreated her father to let her stay out till midnight.

1197

## list; mention one by one

Huck hung his head in shame as Miss Watson enumerated his many flaws.

1200

## businessperson; contractor

Opponents of our present tax program argue that it discourages entrepreneurs from trying new fields of business activity.

1199

## enclose; surround

Paris was environed by a wall

1202

## speaking distinctly

How will people understand you if you do not enunciate?

1201

## ornament worn on the shoulder (of a uniform)

The shoulder loops on Sam Spade's trench coat are the nonmilitary counterparts of the fringed epaulets on George Washington's uniform.

1204

## long period of time; an age

It has taken eons for our civilization to develop.

1203

## long heroic poem, novel, or similar work

Kurosawa's film *Seven Samurai* is an epic portraying the struggle of seven warriors to destroy a band of robbers.

1206

## short-lived; fleeting

The mayfly is an ephemeral creature.

1205

## witty thought or saying, usually short

Poor Richard's epigrams made Benjamin Franklin famous.

1208

## connoisseur of food and drink

Epicures frequent this restaurant because it features exotic wines and dishes.

1207

## loosely connected

Though he tried to follow the plot of *Gravity's Rainbow*, John found the novel too episodic.

1210

## short speech at conclusion of dramatic work

The audience was so disappointed in the play that many did not remain to hear the epilogue.

1209

## inscription in memory of a dead person

In his will, he dictated the epitaph he wanted placed on his tombstone.

1212

## philosopher who studies the nature of language

"What is more important, a knowledge of nature or the nature of knowledge?" the epistemologist asked the naturalist.

1211

## perfect example or embodiment

Singing "I am the very model of a modern Major-General" in *The Pirates of Penzance*, Major-General Stanley proclaimed himself the epitome of an officer and a gentleman.

1214

## word or phrase characteristically used to

So many kings of France were named Charles that modern students need epithets to tell them apart: Charles the Wise, for example, was someone far different from Charles the Fat.

1213

## tranquil; steady; uniform

After the hot summers and cold winters of New England, he found the climate of the West Indies equable and pleasant.

1216

## period of time

The glacial epoch lasted for thousands of years.

1215

## rider on horseback

These paths in the park are reserved for equestrians and their steeds.

1218

## calmness of temperament

In his later years, he could look upon the foolishness of the world with equanimity and humor.

1217

## resembling a horse

His long, bony face had an equine look to it.

1220

## balance

After the divorce, he needed some time to regain his equilibrium.

1219

## balance; balancing force; equilibrium

The high-wire acrobat used his pole as an equi-*po*se to overcome the swaying caused by the wind.

1222

## period of equal days and nights; the be

The vernal equinox is usually marked by heavy rainstorms.

1221

## fairness; justice

Our courts guarantee equity to all.

1224

## fair; impartial

I am seeking an equitable solution to this dispute, one which will be fair and acceptable to both sides.

1223

**lie; mislead; attempt to conceal the truth**

The audience saw through his attempts to equivocate on the subject under discussion and ridiculed his remarks.

1226

**doubtful; ambiguous**

Macbeth was misled by the equivocal statements of the witches.

1225

**pertaining to passionate love**

The erotic passages in this novel should be removed as they are merely pornographic.

1228

**eat away**

The limestone was eroded by the dripping water

1227

**odd; unpredictable**

Investors become anxious when the stock market appears erratic.

1230

**wandering**

Many a charming tale has been written about the knight-errant who helped the weak and punished the guilty during the Age of Chivalry.

1229

**learned; scholarly**

His erudite writing was difficult to read because of the many allusions which were unfamiliar to most readers.

1232

**mistaken; wrong**

I thought my answer was correct, but it was erroneous.

1231

**avoid**

He tried to eschew all display of temper.

1234

**prank; flighty conduct**

The headmaster could not regard this latest escapade as a boyish joke and expelled the young man.

1233

**spying**

In order to maintain its power, the government developed a system of espionage that penetrated every household.

1236

**hard to understand; known only to the**

New Yorker short stories often include esoteric allusions to obscure people and events: the implication is if you are in the in-crowd, you'll get the reference; if you come from Cleveland, you won't.

1235

### repect; value; judge

I esteem Ezra Pound both for his exciting poetry and for his acute comments on literature.

1238

### adopt; support

She was always ready to espouse a worthy cause.

1237

### light; heavenly; fine

Visitors were impressed by her ethereal beauty, her delicate charm.

1240

### separated; alienated

The estranged wife sought a divorce.

1239

### study of mankind

Sociology is one aspect of the science of ethnology.

1242

### relating to races

Intolerance between ethnic groups is deplorable and usually is based on lack of information.

1241

### study of word parts

A knowledge of etymology can help you on many English tests.

1244

### underlying character of a culture, group

Seeing how tenderly Spaniards treated her small daughter made author Barbara Kingsolver aware of how greatly children were valued in the Spanish ethos.

1243

### praising

To everyone's surprise, the speech was eulogistic rather than critical in tone.

1246

### pertaining to the improvement of race

It is easier to apply eugenic principles to the raising of racehorses or prize cattle than to the development of human beings.

1245

### mild expression in place of an unpleasant

The expression "he passed away" is a euphemism for "he died."

1248

### praise

All the eulogies of his friends could not remove the sting of the calumny heaped upon him by his enemies.

1247



## feeling of exaggerated (or unfounded) ʻ

"Jill's been on cloud nine ever since Jacj asked her out," said Betty, dismissing her friend's euphoria.

1250

## sweet sound

Noted for its euphony even when it is spoken, the Italian language is particularly pleasing to the ear when sung.

1249

## fleeting; vanishing

For a brief moment, the entire skyline was bathed in an orange-red hue in the evanescent rays of the sunset.

1252

## mercy killing

Many people support euthanasia for terminally ill patients who wish to die.

1251

## show clearly

When he tried to answer the questions, he evinced his ignorance of the subject matter.

1254

## not frank; eluding

Your evasive answers convinced the judge that you were withholding important evidence.

1253

## call forth

He evoked much criticism by his hostile manner.

1256

## impartial; fair

Do men and women receive evenhanded treatment from their teachers, or, as recent studies suggest, do teachers pay more attention to male students than to females?

1255

## worsen; embitter

This latest arrest will exacerbate the already existing discontent of the people and enrage them.

1258

## female sheep

The flock of sheep was made up of dozens of ewes, together with only a handful of rams.

1257

## raise in rank or dignity; praise

The actor Alec Guinness was exalted to the rank of knighthood by the Queen; he now is known as Sir Alec Guinness.

1260

## extremely demanding

The colonies rebelled against the exacting financial claims of the mother country.

1259

**selected passage (written or musical)**

The cinematic equivalent of an excerpt from a novel is a clip from a film.

1262

**vex**

Johnny often exasperates his mother with his pranks.

1261

**cut away; cut out**

When you excise the dead and dying limbs of a tree, you not only improve its appearance but also enhance its chances of bearing fruit.

1264

**treasury**

He had been Chancellor of the exchequer before his promotion to the office he now holds.

1263

**clear from blame**

He was exculpated of the crime when the real criminal confessed.

1266

**flay; abrade**

These shoes are so ill-fitting that they will excoriate the feet and create blisters.

1265

**curse; express abhorrence for**

The world execrates the memory of Hitler and hopes that genocide will never again be the policy of any nation.

1268

**very bad**

The anecdote was in execrable taste and shocked the audience.

1267

**explanation, especially of biblical passage**

I can follow your exegesis of this passage to a limited degree; some of your reasoning eludes me.

1270

**put into effect; carry out**

The choreographer wanted to see how well she could execute a pirouette.

1269

**show by example; furnish an example**

Three-time winner of the Super Bowl, Joe Montana exemplifies the ideal quarterback.

1272

**serving as a model; outstanding**

Her exemplary behavior was praised at commencement.

1271

**urge**

The evangelist will exhort all sinners in his audience to reform.

1274

**effort; expenditure of much physical w**

The exertion involved in unscrewing the rusty bolt left her exhausted.

1273

**urgent situation**

In this exigency, we must look for aid from our allies.

1276

**dig out of the ground; remove from a g**

Because of the rumor that he had been poisoned, his body was exhumed in order that an autopsy might be performed.

1275

**pertaining to existence; pertaining to th**

To the existential philosopher, human reason is inadequate to explain an irrational, meaningless universe.

1278

**small; minute**

Grass grew there, an exiguous outcropping among the rocks.

1277

**acquit; exculpate**

I am sure this letter naming the actual culprit will exonerate you.

1280

**departure**

The exodus from the hot and stuffy city was particularly noticeable on Friday evenings.

1279

**drive our evil spirits**

By incantation and prayer, the medicine man sought to exorcise the evil spirits that had taken possession of the young warrior.

1282

**excessive**

The people grumbled at his exorbitant prices but paid them because he had a monopoly.

1281

**talk at length**

At this time, please give us a brief resume of your work; we shall permit you to expatiate later.

1284

**not native; strange**

Because of his exotic headdress, he was followed in the streets by small children who laughed at his strange appearance.

1283

**suitable; practical; politic**

A pragmatic politician, he was guided by what was expedient rather than by what was ethical.

1286

**exile; someone who has withdrawn from**

Henry James was an American expatriate who settled in England.

1285

**specialized knowledge; expert skill**

Although she was knowledgeable in a number of fields, she was hired for her particular expertise in computer programming.

1288

**hasten**

We hope you will be able to expedite delivery because of our tight schedule.

1287

**interjection; profane oath**

The sergeant's remarks were filled with expletives that offended the new recruits.

1290

**make amends for (a sin)**

He tried to expiate his crimes by a full confession to the authorities.

1289

**totally clear; definite; outspoken**

Don't just hint around that you're dissatisfied: be explicit about what's bugging you.

1292

**explain; interpret; clarify**

Harry Levin explicated James Joyce's novels with such clarity that even *Finnegan's Wake* seemed comprehensible to his students.

1291

**make use of, sometimes unjustly**

Caesar Chavez fought attempts to exploit migrant farmworkers in California.

1294

**deed or action, particularly a brave deed**

Raoul Wallenberg was noted for his exploits in rescuing Jews from Hitler's forces.

1293

**protest; remonstrance**

Despite the teacher's scoldings and expostulations, the class remained unruly.

1296

**explanatory; serving to explain**

The manual that came with my VCR was no masterpiece of expository prose: its explanations were so garbled that I couldn't even figure out how to rewind a tape.

1295

**cancel; remove**

If you behave, I will expunge this notation from your record.

1298

**risk, particularly of being exposed to d**

something open Exposure to sun and wind had dried out her hair and weathered her face.

1297

**still in existence**

Although the authorities suppressed the book, many copies are extant and may be purchased at exorbitant prices.

1300

**clean; remove offensive parts of a book**

The editors felt that certain passages in the book had to be expurgated before it could be used in the classroom.

1299

**weaken; mitigate**

It is easier for us to extenuate our own shortcomings than those of others.

1302

**not planned; impromptu**

Because his extemporaneous remarks were misinterpreted, he decided to write all his speeches in advance.

1301

**praise; glorify**

The astronauts were extolled as the pioneers of the Space Age.

1304

**root up**

The Salem witch trials were a misguided attempt to extirpate superstition and heresy.

1303

**surrender of prisoner by one state to an**

The lawyers opposed the extradition of their client on the grounds that for more than five years he had been a model citizen.

1306

**wring from; get money by threats, etc.**

The blackmailer extorted money from his victim.

1305

**projection; conjecture**

Based on their extrapolation from the results of the primaries on Super Tuesday, the networks predicted that George Bush would be the Republican candidate for the presidency.

1308

**not essential; external**

Do not pad your paper with extraneous matters; stick to essential items only.

1307

**external; not inherent; foreign**

Do not be fooled by extrinsic causes. We must look for the intrinsic reason.

1310

**free; disentangle**

He found that he could not extricate himself from the trap.

1309

**force or push out**

Much pressure is required to extrude these plastics.

1312

**person interested mostly in external ob**

A good salesperson is usually an extrovert, who likes to mingle with people.

1311

**discharge; give forth**

The maple syrup is obtained from the sap that the trees exude in early spring.

1314

**abundant; effusive; lavish**

His speeches were famous for his exuberant language and vivid imagery.

1313

**build; lie**

Because of the child's tendency to fabricate, we had trouble believing her.

1316

**rejoice**

We exulted when our team won the victory.

1315

**small plane surface (of a gem); a side**

The stonecutter decided to improve the rough diamond by providing it with several facets.

1318

**front of the building**

The facade of the church had often been photographed by tourists because it was more interesting than the rear.

1317

**easy; expert**

Because he was a facile speaker, he never refused a request to address an organization.

1320

**humorous; jocular**

Your facetious remarks are not appropriate at this serious moment.

1319

**copy**

Many museums sell facsimilies of the works of art on display.

1322

**make less difficult**

He tried to facilitate repayment of the loan by getting a part-time job.

1321

**inclined to form factions; causing disse**

Your statement is factious and will upset the harmony that now exists.

1324

**party; clique; dissension**

The quarrels and bickering of the two small factions within the club disturbed the majority of the members.

1323

**handyman; person who does all kinds of**

Although we had hired him as a messenger, we soon began to use him as a general factotum around the office.

1326

**artificial; sham**

Hollywood actresses often create factitious tears by using glycerine.

1325

**misleading**

Your reasoning must be fallacious because it leads to a ridiculous answer.

1328

**mental or bodily powers; teaching staff**

As he grew old, he feared he might lose his faculties and become useless to his employer.

1327

**plowed but sowed; uncultivated**

Farmers have learned that it is advisable to permit land to be fallow every few years.

1330

**liable to err**

I know I am fallible, but I feel confident that I am right this time.

1329

**excessive zeal**

The leader of the group was held responsible even though he could not control the fanaticism of his followers.

1332

**hesitate**

When told to dive off the high board, she did not falter, but proceeded at once.

1331

**breeder or dealer of animals**

The dog fancier exhibited her prize collie at the annual Kennel Club show.

1334

**imagined; unreal**

You are resenting fancied insults. No one has ever said such things about you.

1333

**call by bugles or trumpets; showy displ**

The exposition was opened with fanfare of trumpets and the firing of cannon.

1336

**whimsical; visionary**

This is a fanciful scheme because it does not consider the facts.

1335

**broad comedy; mockery**

Nothing went right; the entire interview degenerated into a farce.

1338

**unreal; grotesque; whimsical**

Your fears are fantastic because no such animal as you have described exists.

1337

**belief that events are determined by for**

With fatalism, he accepted the hardships that beset him.

1340

**difficult to please; squeamish**

The waitresses disliked serving him dinner because of his very fastidious taste.

1339

**foolish; inane**

He is far too intelligent to utter such fatuous remarks.

1342

**comprehend; investigate**

I find his motives impossible to fathom.

1341

**courting favor by cringing and flatterin**

She was constantly surrounded by a group of fawning admirers who had hoped to win some favor.

1344

**animals of a period or region**

The scientist could visualize the fauna of the period by examining the skeletal remains and the fossils.

1343



**practical**

This is an entirely feasible proposal. I suggest we adopt it.

1346

**disconcert; dismay**

No crisis could faze the resourceful hotel manager.

1345

**fertility; fruitfulness**

The fecundity of his mind is illustrated by the many vivid images in his poems.

1348

**feverish**

In his febrile condition, he was subject to nightmares and hallucinations.

1347

**trick; shift; sham blow**

The boxer was fooled by his opponent's feint and dropped his guard.

1350

**pretend**

Lady Macbeth feigned illness in the courtyard although she was actually healthy.

1349

**happines; appropriateness (of a remark**

She wrote a note to the newlyweds wishing them great felicity in their wedded life.

1352

**apt; suitably expressed; well chosen**

He was famous for his felicitous remarks and was called upon to serve as master-of-ceremonies at many banquet.

1351

**person convicted of a grave crime**

A convicted felon loses the right to vote

1354

**cruel; deadly**

The newspapers told of the tragic spread of the fell disease

1353

**drive or hunt out of hiding**

She was ferreted out their secret.

1356

**agitation; commotion**

With the breakup of the Soviet Union, much of Eastern Europe was in a state of ferment.

1355

### ardent

Her fervid enthusiasm inspired all of us to undertake the dangerous mission.

1358

### ardent; hot

She felt that the fervent praise was excessive and somewhat undeserved.

1357

### generate pus

When her finger began to fester, the doctor lanced it and removed the splinter that had caused the pus to form.

1360

### glowing ardor

Their kiss was full of the fervor of first love.

1359

### joyous; celebratory

Their wedding in the park was a festive occasion.

1362

### rankle, produce irritation or resentment

Joe's insult festered in Anne's mind for days, and made her too angry to speak to him.

1361

### malodorous

The neglected wound became fetid.

1364

### honor at a festival

The returning hero was feted at a community supper and dance.

1363

### total failure

Our ambitious venture ended in a fiasco and we were forced to flee.

1366

### shackle

The prisoner was fettered to the wall.

1365

### changeable; faithless

He discovered his supposedly faithful girlfriend was fickle

1368

### command

I cannot accept government by fiat; I feel that I must be consulted.

1367

## loyalty

A dog's fidelity to its owner is one of the reasons why that animal is a favorite household pet.

1370

## imaginary

Although this book purports to be a biography of George Washington, many of the incidents are fictitious.

1369

## not literal, but metaphorical; using a figure

"To lose one's marbles" is a figurative expression; if you're told Jack has lost his marbles, no one expects you to rush out to buy him a replacement set.

1372

## invention; imaginary thing

That incident never took place; it is a figment of your imagination.

1371

## steal

The boys filched apples from the fruit stand.

1374

## small ornamental statuette

In the *Maltese Falcon*, Sam Spade was hired to trace the missing figurine of a black bird.

1373

## block legislation by making long speeches

Even though we disapproved of Senator Foghorn's political goals, we were impressed by his ability to filibuster endlessly to keep an issue from coming to a vote.

1376

## pertaining to a son or daughter

Many children forget their filial obligations and disregard the wishes of their parents.

1375

## conclusion

It is not until we reach the finale of this play that we can understand the author's message.

1378

## delicate, lacelike metalwork

The pendant with gold filigree that she wore round her neck trembled with each breath she took.

1377

## too particular; fussy

The old lady was finicky about her food and ate very little.

1380

## delicate skill

The finesse and adroitness of the surgeon impressed the observers in the operating room.

1379

## hothead; troublemaker

The police tried to keep track of all the local firebrands when the President came to town.

1382

## limited

It is difficult for humanity with its finite existence to grasp the infinite.

1381

## spasmodic; intermittent

After several fitful attempts, he decided to postpone the start of the project until he felt more energetic.

1384

## crevice

The mountain climbers secured footholds in tiny fissures in the rock.

1383

## droop; grow feeble

When the opposing hockey team scored its third goal only minutes into the first period, the home team's spirits flagged.

1386

## flabby

His sedentary life had left him with flaccid muscles.

1385

## thresh grain by hand; strike or slap; tos

In medieval times, warriors flailed their foe with a metal ball attached to a handle.

1388

## conspicuously wicked

We cannot condone such flagrant violations of the rules.

1387

## ornate

Modern architecture has discarded the flamboyant trimming on buildings and emphasizes simplicity of line.

1390

## talent

She has an uncanny flair for discovering new artists before the public has become aware of their existence.

1389

## strip off skin; plunder

The criminal was condemned to be flayed alive.

1392

## display ostentatiously

She is not the one of those actresses who flaunt their physical charms; she can act.

1391

## inexperienced

While it is necessary to provide these fledgling poets with an opportunity to present their work, it is not essential that we admire everything they write.

1394

## spot

Her cheeks flecked with tears, were testimony to the hours of weeping.

1393

## rob; plunder

The tricksters fleeced him of his inheritance.

1396

## wool coat of a sheep

They shear sheep of their fleece, which they then comb into separate strands of wool.

1395

## hesitate; shrink

He did not flinch in the face of danger but fought back bravely.

1398

## light stroke as with a whip

The horse needed no encouragement; only one flick of the whip was all the jockey had to apply to get the animal to run at top speed.

1397

## fly; dart lightly; pass swiftly by

Like a bee flitting from flower to flower, Rose flitted from one boyfriend to the next.

1400

## trifling gaiety

Your flippancy at this serious moment is offensive.

1399

## plants of a region or era

Because she was a botanist, she spent most of her time studying the flora of the desert.

1402

## mass of floating ice

The ship made slow progress as it battered its way through the ice floes.

1401

## drifting wreckage

Beachcombers eke out a living by salvaging the flotsam and jetsam of the sea.

1404

## flowery; ruddy

His complexion was even more florid than usual because of his anger.

1403

**reject; mock**

The headstrong youth flouted all authority; he refused to be curbed.

1406

**grow well; prosper; make sweeping gesture**

The orange trees flourished in the sun.

1405

**smoothness of speech**

He spoke French with fluency and ease.

1408

**wavering**

Meteorologists watch the fluctuations of the barometer in order to predict the weather.

1407

**confuse**

The teacher's sudden question flustered him and he stammered his reply.

1410

**unlikely occurrence; stroke of fortune**

When Douglass defeated Tyson for the heavyweight championship, some sportscasters dismissed his victory as a fluke.

1409

**flowing; series of changes**

While conditions are in such a state of flux, I do not wish to commit myself too deeply in this affair.

1412

**having vertical parallel grooves (as in a fluted column)**

All that remained of the ancient building were the fluted columns.

1411

**weakness; slight fault**

We can overlook the foibles of our friends; no one is perfect.

1414

**coarse food for cattle, horses etc.**

One of Nancy's chores at the ranch was to put fresh supplies of fodder in the horses' stalls.

1413

**defeat; frustrate**

In the end, Skywalker is able to foil Vader's diabolical schemes.

1416

**contrast**

In "Star Wars," dark, evil Darth Vader is a perfect foil for fair-haired, naive Luke Skywalker.

1415

## masses of leaves

Every autumn before the leaves fell he promised himself he would drive through the New England to admire the colorful fall foliage.

1418

## insert improperly; palm off

I will not permit you to foist such ridiculous ideas upon the membership of this group.

1417

## rash

Don't be foolhardy. Get the advice of experienced people before undertaking this venture.

1420

## stir up; instigate

This report will foment dissension in the club.

1419

## raid

The company staged a midnight foray against the enemy outpost.

1422

## vain about dress and appearance

He tried to imitate the foppish manner of the young men of the court.

1421

## place where a river can be crossed on foot

Rather than risk using the shaky rope bridge, David walked a half-mile downstream until he came to the nearest ford.

1424

## patience

We must use forbearance in dealing with him because he is still weak from his illness.

1423

## premonition of evil

Caesar ridiculed his wife's foreboding about the Ides of March.

1426

## ancestors

Reverence for one's forebears (sometimes referred to as ancestor worship) plays an important part in many Oriental cultures.

1425

## give an indication beforehand; portend

In retrospect, political analysts realized that Yeltsin's defiance of the attempted coup foreshadowed his emergence as the dominant figure of the new Russian republic.

1428

## suitable to debate or courts of law

In her best forensic manner, the lawyer addressed the jury.

1427

**prevent by taking action in advance**

By setting up a prenuptial agreement, the prospective bride and groom hoped to forestall any potential arguments about money in the event of a divorce.

1430

**ability to foresee future happenings; pr**

A wise investor, she had the foresight to buy land just before the current real estate boom.

1429

**adherence to established rules or proce**

Signing this petition is a mere formality; it does not obligate you in any way.

1432

**give up; do without**

Determined to lose weight for the summer, Ida decided to forgo dessert until she could fit into a size eight again.

1431

**desert; abandon; renounce**

No one expected Foster to forsake his wife and children and run off with another woman.

1434

**menacing; threatening**

We must not treat the battle lightly for we are facing a formidable foe.

1433

**strong point or special talent**

I am not eager to play this rather serious role, for my forte is comedy.

1436

**renounce; abandon**

The captured knight could escape death only if he agreed to forswear Christianity and embrace Islam as the one true faith.

1435

**bravery; courage**

He was awarded the medal for his fortitude in the battle.

1438

**straightforward; direct; frank**

I prefer Jill's forthright approach to Jack's tendency to beat around the bush.

1437

**rear; encourage**

According to the legend, Romulus and Remus were fostered by a she-wolf that raised the abandoned infants as her own.

1440

**accidental; by chance**

There is no connection between these two events; their timing is entirely fortuitous.

1439



**person who establishes (an organization)**

Among those drowned when the Titanic sank was the founder of the Abraham & Straus chain.

1442

**fail completely; sink**

After hitting the submerged iceberg, the Titanic started taking in water rapidly and soon foundered.

1441

**unruly**

The fractious horse unseated its rider.

1444

**brawl; melee**

The military police stopped the fracas in the bar and arrested the belligerents.

1443

**right granted by authority**

The city issued a franchise to the company to operate surface transit lines on the streets for ninety-nine years.

1446

**weakness**

The doctor prescribed vitamin and mineral supplements for the sick old woman because of her frailty.

1445

**cheating; deceitful**

The government seeks to prevent fraudulent and misleading advertising.

1448

**wild**

At the time of the collision, many people became frantic with fear.

1447

**brawl**

The three musketeers were in the thick of fray.

1450

**filled**

Since this enterprise is fraught with danger, I will ask for volunteers who are willing to assume the risks.

1449

**madly excited**

As soon as they smelled smoke, the frenzied animals milled about in their cages.

1452

**frenzied; frantic**

His frenetic activities convinced us that he had no organized plan of operation.

1451

**to be annoyed or vexed**

To fret over your poor grades is foolish; instead, decide to work harder in the future.

1454

**painting in plaste (usually fresh)**

The cathedral is visited by many tourists who wish to admire the frescoes by Giotto.

1453

**ornamental band on a wall**

The frieze of the church was adorned with sculpture.

1456

**clash in opinion; rubbing against**

At this time when harmony is essential, we cannot afford to have any friction in our group.

1455

**waste**

He could not apply himself to any task and frittered away his time in idle conversation.

1458

**intensely cold**

Alaska is in the frigid zone.

1457

**prankish; gay**

The frolicsome puppy tried to lick the face of its master.

1460

**lacking in seriousness; self-indulgently**

Though Nancy enjoyed Bill's frivolous, lighthearted companionship, she sometimes wondered whether he could ever be serious.

1459

**bear fruit**

This peach tree should fructify in three years.

1462

**fern leaf; palm or banana leaf**

After the storm the beach was littered with the fronds of palm trees.

1461

**bearing of fruit; fulfillment; realization**

This building marks the fruition of all our aspirations and years of hard work.

1464

**thrift; economy**

In these economically difficult days businesses must practice frugality or risk bankruptcy.

1463

### support on which a lever rests

If we use this stone as a fulcrum and the crowbar as a lever, we may be able to move this boulder.

1466

### fleeting or transitory; roving

The film brought a few fugitive images to her mind, but on the whole it made no lasting impression upon her.

1465

### disgustingly excessive

His fulsome praise of the dictator annoyed his listeners.

1468

### thunder; explode

The people against whom she fulminated were innocent of any wrongdoing.

1467

### basic; primary; essential

The committee discussed all sorts of side issues without ever getting down to addressing the fundamental problem.

1470

### official

As his case was transferred from one functionary to another, he began to despair of ever reaching a settlement.

1469

### frenzy; great excitement

The story of her embezzlement of the funds created a furor on the stock exchange.

1472

### sad; solemn

I fail to understand why there is such a funereal atmosphere; we have lost a battle, not a war.

1471

### simultaneous firing or outbursts (of missiles)

Tchaikovsky's 1812 Overture concludes with a thunderous fusillade of cannon fire.

1474

### stealthy; sneaky

The boy gave a furtive look at his classmate's test paper.

1473

### ineffective; fruitless

Why waste your time on futile pursuits?

1476

### union; coalition

The opponents of the political party in power organized a fusion of disgruntled groups and became an important element in the election.

1475

**animal-biting fly; an irritating person**

Like a gadfly, he irritated all the guests at the hotel; within forty eight hours, everyone regarded him as an annoying busybody.

1478

**feeble, ineffective; unthinking, irrespo**

Einstein was noted for his extraordinary inspirations; on the other hand, he was noted for being feckless in his daily chores.

1477

**deny**

She was too honest to gainsay the truth of the report.

1480

**social blunder**

According to Miss Manners, to call your husband by your lover's name is worse than a mere gaffe; it is a tactical mistake.

1479

**the Milky Way; any collection of brilli**

The deaths of such famous actors as Clark Gable, Gary Cooper, Spencer Tracy, and Marlene Dietrich demonstrate that the galaxy of Hollywood superstars is rapidly disappearing.

1482

**manner of walking or running; speed**

The lame man walked with an uneven gait.

1481

**annoy; chafe**

Their taunts galled him.

1484

**bitterness; nerve**

The knowledge of his failure filled him with gall.

1483

**stimulate by shock; stir up**

The entire nation was galvanized into strong military activity by the news of the attack on Pearl Harbor.

1486

**large sailing ship**

The Spaniards pinned their hopes on the galleon, the large warship; the British, on the smaller and faster pinnace.

1485

**skip; leap playfully**

Watching children gamboling in the park is a pleasant experience

1488

**opening in chess in which a piece is sa**

The player was afraid to accept his opponent's gambit because he feared a trap which as yet he could not see.

1487

### entire range

In this performance, the leading lady was able to demonstrate the complete gamut of her acting ability.

1490

### in a spirited manner; with courage

Because he had fought gamely against a much superior boxer, the crowd gave him a standing ovation when he left the arena.

1489

### mixed up; jumbled; distorted

A favorite party game involves passing a whispered message from one person to another; by the time it reaches the last player, the message has become totally garbled.

1492

### open widely

The huge pit gaped before him; if he stumbled, he would fall in.

1491

### waterspout carved in grotesque figures c

The gargoyles adorning the Cathedral of Notre Dame in Paris are amusing in their grotesqueness.

1494

### huge; enormous

The gargantuan wrestler was terrified of mice.

1493

### gather; store up

She hoped to garner the world's literature in one library.

1496

### gaudy

She wore a garish rhinestone necklace.

1495

### talkativeness

The man who married a dumb wife asked the doctor to make him deaf because of his wife's garrulity after her cure.

1498

### decorate

Parsley was used to garnish the boiled potato.

1497

### science of preparing and serving good

One of the by-products of his trip to Europe was his interest in gastronomy; he enjoyed preparing and serving foreign dishes to his friends.

1500

### excessively talkative, especially about

Many club members avoided the company of the garrulous junior executive because his constant chatter bored them to tears.

1499

**flashy; showy**

Her gaudy taste in clothes appalled us.

1502

**clumsy; boorish**

Such remarks are gauche and out of place; you should apologize for making them.

1501

**stare foolishly; look in open-mouthed a**

The country boy gawked at the skyscrapers and neon lights of the big city.

1504

**lean and angular; barren**

His once-round face looked surprisingly gaunt after he had lost weight.

1503

**record of descent; lineage**

He was proud of his genealogy and constantly referred to the achievements of his ancestors.

1506

**official publication**

He read the gazettes regularly for announcement of his promotion.

1505

**characteristic of an entire class or speci**

Sue knew so many computer programmers who spent their spare time playing fantasy games that she began to think that playing Dungeon & Dragons was a generic trait.

1508

**vague statement**

This report is filled with generalities; you must be more specific in your statements.

1507

**cheerfulness; kindness; sympathy**

This restaurant is famous and popular because of the geniality of the proprietor, who tries to make everyone happy.

1510

**beginning; origin**

Tracing the genesis of a family is the theme of "Roots."

1509

**well-bred; elegant**

We are looking for a man with a genteel appearance who can inspire confidence by his cultivated manner.

1512

**particular variety of art or literature**

Both a short story writer and a poet, Langston Hughes proved himself equally skilled in either genre.

1511

**people of standing; class of people just**

The local gentry did not welcome the visits of the summer tourists and tried to ignore their presence in the community.

1514

**those of gentle birth; refinement**

Her family was proud of its gentility and elegance.

1513

**pertinent; bearing upon the case at hand**

The lawyer objected that the testimony being offered was not germane to the case at hand.

1516

**bend the knee as in worship**

A proud democrat, he refused to genuflect to any man.

1515

**cause to sprout; sprout**

After the seeds germinate and develop their permanent leaves, the plants may be removed from the cold frames and transplanted to the garden.

1518

**pertaining to a germ; creative**

Such an idea is germinal; I am certain that it will influence thinkers and philosophers for many generations.

1517

**change in voting district lines in order**

The illogical pattern of the map of this congressional district is proof that the state legislature gerrymandered this area in order to favor the majority party.

1520

**government ruled by old people**

Gulliver visited a gerontocracy in which the young people acted as servants to their elders, all the while dreaming of the day they would be old enough to have servants of their own.

1519

**motion; gesture**

Operatic performers are trained to make exaggerated gesticulations because of the large auditoriums in which they appear.

1522

**evolve, as in prenatal growth**

While this scheme was being gestated by the conspirators, they maintained complete silence about their intentions.

1521

**nonsense; babbling**

Did you hear that foolish boy spouting gibberish about monsters from outer space?

1524

**horrible**

The murdered man was a ghastly sight.

1523

**light-hearted; dizzy**

He felt his giddy youth was past.

1526

**mock**

As you gibe at their superstitious beliefs, do you realize that you, too, are guilty of similarly foolish thoughts?

1525

**distance around something; circumference**

It took an extra-large cummerbund to fit around Andrew Carnegie's considerable girth.

1528

**very carefully**

To separate egg whites, first crack the egg gingerly.

1527

**like a glacier; extremely cold**

Never a warm person, when offended Hugo could seem positively glacial.

1530

**essence**

She was asked to give the gist of the essay in two sentences.

1529

**cover with a thin and shiny surface**

The freezing rain glazed the streets and made driving hazardous.

1532

**highly conspicuous; harshly bright**

Glaring spelling or grammatical errors in your resume will unfavorably impress potential employers.

1531

**fluent**

He is a glib and articulate speaker.

1534

**gather leavings**

After the crops had been harvested by the machines, the peasants were permitted to glean the wheat left in the fields.

1533

**express evil satisfaction; view malevolently**

As you gloat over your ill-gotten wealth, do you think of the many victims you have defrauded?

1536

**shine erratically; twinkle**

In the darkness of the cavern, the glowworms hanging from the cavern roof glimmered like distant stars.

1535



## brief explanation of words used in the t

I have found the glossary in this book very useful; it has eliminated many trips to the dictionary.

1538

## over explain away

No matter how hard he tried to talk around the issue, President Bush could not gloss over the fact that he had raised the taxes after all.

1537

## scowl

The angry boy glowered at his father.

1540

## smooth and shining

I want this photograph printed on glossy paper, not matte.

1539

## sticky; viscous

Molasses is a glutinous substance.

1542

## overstock; fill to excess

The many manufacturers glutted the market and could not find purchasers for the many articles they had produced.

1541

## twisted

The gnarled oak tree had been a landmark for years and was mentioned in several deeds.

1544

## someone who eats too much

When Mother saw that Bobby had eaten all the cookies, she called him a little glutton.

1543

## urge on

He was goaded by his friends until he yielded to their wishes.

1546

## dwarf; underground spirit

In medieval mythology, gnomes were the special guardians and inhabitants of subterranean mines.

1545

## stuff oneself

The gluttonous guest gorged himself with food as though he had not eaten for days.

1548

## narrow canyon; steep, rocky cleft

Terrified of heights, George could not bring himself to peer down into the gorge to see the rapids below.

1547

sheer; like cobwebs

Nylon can be woven into gossamer or thick fabrics.

1550

bloody

The audience shuddered as they listened to the details of the gory massacre.

1549

epicure; person who takes excessive pleasure

Epicureans lack self-restraint; if they enjoy a particular cuisine, they eat far too much of it.

1552

tear out

In that fight, all the rules were forgotten; the adversaries bit, kicked, and tried to gouge each other's eyes out.

1551

arranged by degree (of height, difficulty)

Margaret loved her graduated set of Russian hollow wooden dolls; she spent hours happily putting the smaller dolls into their larger counterparts.

1554

connoisseur of food and drink

The gourmet stated that this was the best onion soup she had ever tasted.

1553

impressiveness; stateliness; majesty

No matter how often he hiked through the mountains, David never failed to be struck by the grandeur of the Sierra Nevada range.

1556

storehouse for grain

We have reason to be thankful, for our crops were good and our granaries are full.

1555

imposing; impressive

His grandiose manner impressed those who met him for the first time.

1558

pompous; bombastic; using high-sounding

The politician could never speak simply; she was always grandiloquent.

1557

pertaining to the art of delineating; vivid

I was particularly impressed by the graphic presentation of the storm.

1560

form into grains

Sugar that has been granulated dissolves more readily than lump sugar.

1559

**make a harsh noise; have an unpleasant**

The screams of the quarreling children grated on her nerves.

1562

**wrestle; come to grips with**

He grappled with the burglar and overpowered him.

1561

**free**

The company offered to give one package gratis to every purchaser of one of their products.

1564

**please**

Her parents were gratified by her success.

1563

**tip**

Many service employees rely more on gratuities than on salaries for their livelihood.

1566

**given freely; unwarranted; uncalled for**

Quit making gratuitous comments about my driving; no one asked you for your opinion.

1565

**sociable**

Typically, party-throwers are gregarious; hermits are not.

1568

**seriousness**

We could tell we were in serious trouble from the gravity of her expression.

1567

**question severely**

In violation of the Miranda law, the police grilled the suspect for several hours before reading him his rights.

1570

**cause of complaint**

When her supervisor ignored her complaint, she took her grievance to the union.

1569

**ghastly**

She shuddered at the grisly sight.

1572

**a facial distortion to show feeling such**

Even though he remained silent, his grimace indicated his displeasure.

1571

### small cavern

The Blue Grotto in Capri can be entered only by small boats rowed by natives through a natural opening in the rocks.

1574

### fantastic; comically hideous

On Halloween people enjoy wearing grotesque costumes.

1573

### crawl or creep on ground; remain prostrate

Even though we have been defeated, we do not have to grovel before our conquerors.

1576

### complain; fuss

Students traditionally grouse about the abysmal quality of "mystery meat" and similar dormitory food.

1575

### thin, liquid porridge

Our daily allotment of gruel made the meal not only monotonous but also unpalatable.

1578

### unwilling; reluctant; stingy

We received only grudging support from the mayor despite his earlier promises of aid.

1577

### grisly

People screamed when her gruesome appearance was flashed on the screen.

1580

### exhausting

The marathon is a grueling race.

1579

### boisterous laughter

The loud guffaws that came from the closed room indicated that the members of the committee had not yet settled down to a serious business.

1582

### rough-mannered

Although he was blunt and gruff with most people, he was always gentle with children.

1581

### without deceit

He is naive, simple, and guileless; he cannot be guilty of fraud.

1584

### deceit; duplicity

She achieved her high position by guile and treachery.

1583

## easily deceived

He preyed upon gullible people, who believed his stories of easy wealth.

1586

## appearance; costume

In the guise of a plumber, the detective investigated the murder case.

1585

## enjoyment; enthusiasm

He accepted the assignment with such gusto that I feel he would have been satisfied with a smaller salary.

1588

## affecting the sense of taste

The Thai restaurant offered an unusual gustatory experience for those used in a bland cuisine.

1587

## apparatus used to maintain balance, as

By using a rotating gyroscope, they were able to stabilize the vessel, counteracting the rolling movements of the sea.

1590

## windy

The gusty weather made sailing precarious.

1589

## commonplace; trite

The English teacher criticized her story because of its hackneyed and unoriginal plot.

1592

## hairs on back and neck, especially of a

The dog's hackles rose and he began to growl as the sound of footsteps grew louder.

1591

## argue about prices

I prefer to shop in a store that has a one-price policy because, whenever I haggle with a shopkeeper, I am never certain that I paid a fair price for the articles I purchased.

1594

## wasted away; gaunt

After his long illness, he was pale and haggard.

1593

## healthy

After a brief illness, he was soon hale.

1596

## calm; peaceful

In those halcyon days, people were not worried about sneak attacks and bombings.

1595

## delusion

I think you were frightened by a hallucination that you created in you own mind.

1598

## blessed; consecrated

She was laid to rest in hallowed ground.

1597

## obstruct

The minority party agreed not to hamper the efforts of the leaders to secure a lasting peace.

1600

## hesitant; faltering

Novice extemporaneous speakers often talk in a halting fashion as they grope for the right words.

1599

## random; by chance

His haphazard reading left him unaquainted with the authors of the books.

1602

## chance; luck

In his poem hap, Thomas Hardy objects to the part chance plays in our lives.

1601

## long, passionate, and vehement speech

In her lengthy harangue, the principal berated the offenders.

1604

## unfortunate

This hapless creature had never known a moment's pleasure.

1603

## forerunner

The crocus is an early harbinger of spring.

1606

## annoy by repeated attacks

When he could not pay his bills as quickly as he had promised, he was harrassed by his creditors.

1605

## sturdy; robust; able to stand inclement

We asked the gardening expert to recommend particularly hardy plants that could withstand our harsh New England winters.

1608

## provide a refuge for; hide

The church harbored illegal aliens who were political refugees.

1607

**break up ground after plowing; torture**

I don't want to harrow you at this time by asking you to recall the details of your unpleasant experience.

1610

**tiresome dwelling on a subject**

After he had reminded me several times about what he had done for me I told him to stop his harping on my indebtedness to him.

1609

**deck opening; lid covering a deck oper**

The latch on the hatch failed to catch, so the hatch remained unlatched.

1612

**harass, annoy, torment; raid**

The guerrilla band harried the enemy nightly.

1611

**dangerous**

Your occupation is too hazardous for insurance companies to consider your application.

1614

**pride; arrogance**

I resent his haughtiness because he is no better than we are.

1613

**hasty; rash**

The slave seized the unexpected chance to make a headlong dash across the border to freedom.

1616

**slightly obscure**

In hazy weather, you cannot see the top of this mountain.

1615

**person who verbally harasses others**

The heckler kept interrupting the speaker with rude remarks.

1618

**stubborn; willful; unyielding**

Because she refused to marry the man her parents had chosen for her, everyone scolded Minna and called her a foolish, headstrong girl.

1617

**not noticing; disregarding**

He drove on, heedless of the warnings that the road was dangerous.

1620

**belief that pleasure is the sole aim in li**

hedonism and asceticism are opposing philosophies of human behavior.

1619

## atrocious; hatefully bad

Hitler's heinous crimes will never be forgotten.

1622

## dominance, especially of one nation over

As one Eastern European nation after another declared its independence, commentators marveled at the sudden breakdown of the once monolithic Soviet hegemony.

1621

## opinion contrary to popular belief or to

He was threatened with excommunication because his remarks were considered to be pure heresy.

1624

## grain-eating

Some herbivorous animals have two stomachs for digesting their food.

1623

## sealed by fusion so as to be airtight

After these bandages are sterilized, they are placed in hermetic containers.

1626

## person who maintains opinions contrary

She was punished by the Spanish Inquisition because she was a heretic.

1625

## home of a hermit

Even in his remote hermitage he could not escape completely from the world.

1628

## obscure and mysterious; occult

It is strange to consider that modern chemistry originated in the hermetic teachings of the ancient alchemists.

1627

## unorthodox; unconventional

To those who upheld the belief that the earth did not move, Galileo's theory that the earth circled the sun was disturbingly heterodox.

1630

## one who studies reptiles

As a boy, Indiana Jones had a traumatic experience involving snakes; sensibly enough, he studied to be an archaeologist, not a herpetologist.

1629

## cut to pieces with ax or sword

The cavalry rushed into melee and hewed the enemy with their swords.

1632

## dissimilar

In a heterogeneous group, we have an unassorted assemblage, while in a homogeneous group we have people or things that have common traits.

1631



gap; pause

Except for a brief two-year hiatus, during which she enrolled in the Peace Corps, Ms. Clements has devoted herself to her medical career.

1634

time of greatest success; prime

In their heyday, the San Francisco Forty-Niners won the Super Bowl two years running.

1633

sleep throughout the winter

Bears are one of the many species of animals that hibernate.

1636

wintry

Bears prepare for their long hibernal sleep by overeating.

1635

picture writing

The discovery of the Rosetta Stone enabled scholars to read the ancient Egyptian hieroglyphics.

1638

body divided into ranks

It was difficult to step out of one's place in this hierarchy.

1637

furthest behind

The coward could always be found in the hindmost lines whenever a battle was being waged.

1640

boisterous mirth

The hilarity is improper on this solemn day of mourning.

1639

back country

They seldom had visitors, living as they did way out in the hinterlands.

1642

block; obstacle

Stalled cars along the highway are a hindrance to traffic that tow trucks should remove without delay.

1641

hairy

He was a hitsute individual with a heavy black beard.

1644

one who serves for hire (usually used c

In a matter of such importance, I do not wish to deal with hirelings; I must meet with the chief.

1643

## stockpile; accumulate for future use

Whenever there are rumors of a food shortage, people are tempted to hoard food.

1646

## theatrical

He was proud of his histrionic ability and wanted to play the role of Hamlet.

1645

## trick; practical joke

Embarrassed by the hoax, he reddened and left the room.

1648

## white with age

The man was hoary and wrinkled when he was 70.

1647

## pistol case

Even when he was not in uniform, he carried a holster and pistol under his arm.

1650

## destruction by fire

Citizens of San Francisco remember that the destruction of the city was caused not by the earthquake but by the holocaust that followed.

1649

## tendency of a system to maintain relati

A breakdown of the body's immune system severely undermines the body's ability to maintain homeostasis.

1652

## honor; tribute

In her speech she tried to pay homage to a great man.

1651

## sermon; serious warning

His speeches were always homilies, advising his listeners to repent and reform.

1654

## domestic; made at home

homespun wit, like homespun cloth, was often coarse and plain.

1653

## sharpen

To make shaving easier, he honed his razor with great care.

1656

## of the same kind

Many educators try to put pupils of similar abilities in the same class because they believe that his homogeneous grouping is advisable.

1655

## crowd

Just before Christmas the stores are filled with hordes of shoppers.

1658

## deceive; delude

Having been hoodwinked once by the fast-talking salesman, he was extremely cautious when he went to purchase a used car.

1657

## pertaining to cultivation of gardens

When he bought his house, he began to look for flowers and decorative shrubs, and began to read books dealing with horticultural matters.

1660

## encouraging; exhortive

The crowd listened to his hortatory statements with ever-growing excitement; finally they rushed from the hall to carry to his suggestions.

1659

## hang about; wait nearby

The police helicopter hovered above the accident.

1662

## shack; small, wretched house

He wondered how poor people could stand living in such a hovel.

1661

## arrogance; excessive self-conceit

Filled with hubris, Lear refused to heed his friends' warnings.

1664

## confused uproar

The marketplace was a scene of hubbub and excitement.

1663

## outcry

When her purse was snatched, she raised such a hue and cry that the thief was captured.

1666

## color; aspect

The aviary contained birds of every possible hue.

1665

## dull; monotonous

After years of adventure, he could not settle down to a humdrum existence.

1668

## kind

His humane and considerate treatment of the unfortunate endeared him to all.

1667

## humbleness of spirit

He spoke with a humility and lack of pride that impressed his listeners.

1670

## damp

She could not stand the humid climate and moved to a drier area.

1669

## substance formed by decaying vegetable

In order to improve his garden, he spread humus over his lawn and flower beds.

1672

## small hill

The ascent of the hummock is not difficult and the view from the hilltop is ample reward for the effort.

1671

## frugality; thrift; agriculture

He accumulated his small fortune by diligence and husbandry.

1674

## crash; rush

The runaway train hurtled toward disaster.

1673

## fear of water; rabies

A dog that bites a human being must be observed for symptoms of hydrophobia.

1676

## mongrel; mixed breed

Mendel's formula explains the appearance of hybrids and pure species in breeding.

1675

## excessively exacting

You are hypercritical in your demands for perfection; we all make mistakes.

1678

## exaggeration; overstatement

This salesman is guilty of hyperbole in describing his product; it is wise to discount his claims.

1677

## pretending to be virtuous; deceiving

I resent his hypocritical posing as a friend for I know he is interested only in his own advancement.

1680

## person unduly worried about his health

The doctor prescribed chocolate pills for his patient who was a hypochondriac.

1679

## study of fish

Jacques Cousteau's programs about sea life have advanced the cause of ichthyology.

1682

## based on assumptions or hypotheses

Why do we have to consider hypothetical cases when we have actual case histories that we may examine?

1681

## attacking cherished traditions

George Bernard Shaw's iconoclastic plays often startled more conventional people.

1684

## religious image; idol

The icons on the walls of the church were painted in the 13th century.

1683

## special usage in language

I could not understand their idioms because literal translation made no sense.

1686

## ideas of a group of people

That ideology is dangerous to this country because it embraces undemocratic philosophies.

1685

## private; peculiar to an individual

Such behavior is idiosyncratic, it is as easily identifiable as a signature.

1688

## peculiarity; eccentricity

One of his personal idiosyncrasies was his habit of rinsing all cutlery given him in a restaurant.

1687

## charmingly carefree; simple

Far from the city, she led an idyllic existence in her rural retreat.

1690

## worship of idols; excessive admiration

Such idolatry of singers of country music is typical of the excessive enthusiasm of youth.

1689

## kindle; light

When Desi crooned, "Baby, light my fire," literal-minded Lucy looked around for some paper to ignite.

1692

## produced by fire; volcanic

Lava, pumice, and other igneous rocks are found in great abundance around Mount Vesuvius near Naples.

1691

## disgraceful

The country smarted under the ignominious defeat and dreamed of the day when it would be victorious.

1694

## of lowly origin; unworthy

This plan is inspired by ignoble motives and I must, therefore, oppose it.

1693

## infinite

Human beings, having explored the far corners of the earth, are now reaching out into illimitable space.

1696

## illegal

The defense attorney claimed that the police had entrapped his client; that is, they had elicited the illicit action of which they now accuse of him.

1695

## misleading vision

It is easy to create an optical illusion in which lines of equal length appear different.

1698

## brighten; clear up or make understanda

Just as a lamp can illuminate a dark room, a perceptive comment can illuminate a knotty problem.

1697

## deceptive; not real

Unfortunately, the costs of running the lemonade stand were so high that Tom's profits proved illusory.

1700

## deceiving

This is only a mirage; let us not be fooled by its illusive effect.

1699

## weakness of mind

I am amazed at the imbecility of the readers of these trashy magazines.

1702

## lack of balance or symmetry; disproport

Because of the great imbalance between the number of men and women invited, the dance was unsuccessful.

1701

## complicated situation; perplexity; entai

He was called in to settle the imbroglio but failed to bring harmony into the situation.

1704

## drink in

The dry soil imbibed the rain quickly.

1703

**pure; spotless**

The West Point cadets were immaculate as they lined up for inspection.

1706

**saturate, fill**

His visits to the famous Gothic cathedrals imbued him with feelings of awe and reverence.

1705

**state of being immovable**

Modern armies cannot afford the luxury of immobility, as they are vulnerable to attack while standing still.

1708

**near at hand; impending**

Rosa was such a last-minute worker that she could never start writing a paper till the deadline was imminent.

1707

**imprison; shut up in confinement**

For the two weeks before the examination, the student immured himself in his room and concentrated upon his studies.

1710

**offer as a sacrifice**

The tribal kind offered to immolate his daughter to quiet the angry gods.

1709

**worsen; diminish in value**

This arrest will impair her reputation in the community.

1712

**unchangeable**

Scientists are constantly seeking to discover the immutable laws of nature.

1711

**imperceptible; intangible**

The ash is so fine that it is impalpable to the touch but it can be seen as a fine layer covering the window ledge.

1714

**pierce**

He was impaled by the spear hurled by his adversary.

1713

**without feeling; not affected by pain**

The Native American has been incorrectly depicted as an impassive individual, undemonstrative and stoical.

1716

**predicament from which there is no escape**

In this impasse, all turned to prayer as their last hope.

1715

**faultless**

He was proud of his impeccable manners.

1718

**charge with crime in office; indict**

The angry congressman wanted to impeach the President for his misdeeds.

1717

**hinder; block**

The special prosecutor determined that the Attorney General, though inept, had not intentionally set out to impede the progress of the investigation.

1720

**without money**

Now that he was wealthy, he gladly contributed to funds to assist impecunious and disabled persons.

1719

**nearing; approaching**

The entire country was saddened by the news of his impending death.

1722

**hindrance; stumbling-block**

She had a speech impediment that prevented her from speaking clearly.

1721

**not repentant**

We could see by his brazen attitude that he was impenitent.

1724

**not able to be pierced or entered**

How could the murderer have gotten into the locked room? To Watson, the mystery, like the room, was impenetrable.

1723

**lordliness; domineering manner; arrogant**

His imperiousness indicated that he had long been accustomed to assuming command.

1726

**like an emperor; related to an empire**

When hotel owner Leona Helmsley appeared in ads as Queen Leona standing guard over the Palace Hotel, her critics mocked her imperial fancies.

1725

**insolent**

I regard your remarks as impertinent and I resent them.

1728

**impervious; not permitting passage through**

This new material is impermeable to liquids.

1727



**not penetrable; not permitting passage**

You cannot change their habits for their minds are impervious to reasoning.

1730

**calm; placid**

Wellington remained imperturbable and in full command of the situation in spite of the hysteria and panic all around him.

1729

**moving force; incentive; stimulus**

A new federal highway program would create jobs and five added impetus to our economic recovery.

1732

**violent; hasty; rash**

We tried to curb his impetuous behavior because we felt that in his haste he might offend some people.

1731

**infringe; touch; collide with**

How could they be married without impinging on one another's freedom?

1734

**irreverence; wickedness**

We must regard your blasphemy as an act of impiety.

1733

**incapable of being pacified**

Madame Defarge was the implacable enemy of the Evremonde family.

1736

**irreverent**

The congregation was offended by her impious remarks.

1735

**put into effect; supply with tools**

The mayor was unwilling to implement the plan until she was sure it had the governor's backing.

1738

**unlikely; unbelievable**

Though her alibi seemed implausible, it in fact turned out to be true.

1737

**understood but not stated**

Jack never told Jill he adored her; he believed his love was implicit in his deeds.

1740

**that which is hinted at or suggested**

If I understand the implications of your remark, you do not trust our captain.

1739

## suggest a meaning not expressed

Even though your statement does not declare that you are at war with that country, your actions imply that that is the actual situation.

1742

## beg

He implored her to give him a second chance.

1741

## weightless

I can evaluate the data gathered in this study; the imponderable items are not so easily analyzed.

1744

## not wise

I think it is impolitic to raise this issue at the present time because the public is too angry.

1743

## urging; demanding

He tried to hide from his importunate creditors until his allowance arrived.

1746

## significance

I feel that you have not grasped the full import of the message sent to us by the enemy.

1745

## assuming a false identity; masquerade

She was imprisoned for her imposture of a doctor.

1748

## beg persistently

Democratic and Republican phone solicitors importuned her for contributions so frequently that she decided to give nothing to either party.

1747

## curse

Roused from the bed at what he considered an ungodly hour, Roy muttered imprecations under his breath.

1750

## weak; ineffective

Although he wished to break the nicotine habit, he found himself impotent in resisting the craving for a cigarette.

1749

## without previous preparation

Her listeners were amazed that such a thorough presentation could be made in an impromptu speech.

1752

## invulnerable

Until the development of the airplane as a military weapon, the fort was considered impregnable.

1751

## thrifless

He was constantly being warned to mend his improvident ways and begin to "save for a rainy day."

1754

## state of being inappropriate

Because of the impropriety of his costume, he was denied entrance into the dining room.

1753

## lacking caution; injudicious

It is imprudent to exercise vigorously and become overheated when you are unwell.

1756

## compose on the spur of the moment

She would sit at the piano and improvise for hours on themes from Bach and Handel.

1755

## powerlessness; feebleness

The lame duck President was frustrated by his shift from enormous power to relative impuissance.

1758

## doubt; challenge; gainsay

I cannot impugn your honesty without evidence.

1757

## attribute; ascribe

If I wished to impute blame to the officers in charge of this program, I would state my feelings definitely and immediately.

1760

## freedom from punishment

The bully mistreated everyone in the class with impunity for he felt that no one would dare retaliate.

1759

## not to be taken away; nontransferable

The Declaration of Independence mentions the inalienable rights that all of us possess.

1762

## carelessly; unintentionally; by oversight

She inadvertently omitted two questions on the examination and mismarked her answer sheet.

1761

## lifeless

she was asked to identify the still and inanimate body.

1764

## silly; senseless

Such comments are inane because they do not help us solve our program.

1763

## begin formally; install in office

The candidate promised that he would inaugurate a new nationwide health care plan as soon as he was inaugurated as president.

1766

## speechless; producing indistinct speech

He became inarticulate with rage and uttered sounds without meaning.

1765

## singing or chanting of magical formula

Uttering incantations to make the brew more potent, the witch doctor stirred the liquid in the caldron.

1768

## stikingly bright; shining with intense h

If you leave on an incandescent light bulb, it quickly grows too hot to touch.

1767

## imprison

The warden will incarcerate the felon after conviction.

1770

## disable

During the winter, many people were incapacitated by respiratory ailments.

1769

## act of assuming a human body and hur

The incarnation of Jesus Christ is a basic tenet of Christian theology.

1772

## endowed with flesh; personified

Your attitude is so fiendish that you must be a devil incarnate.

1771

## enrage; infuriate

Unkindness to children incensed her.

1774

## arsonist

The fire spread in such an unusual manner that the fire department chiefs were certain that it had been set by an incendiary.

1773

## start; beginning

She was involved with the project from its inception.

1776

## spur; motive

Students who dislike school must be given an incentive to learn.

1775

**recently begun; rudimentary; elemental**

Before the Creation, the world was an inchoate mass.

1778

**uninterrupted**

The crickets kept up an incessant chirping that disturbed our attempts to fall asleep.

1777

**not essential; minor**

The scholarship covered his major expenses at college and some of his incidental expenses as well.

1780

**rate of occurrence; particular occurrence**

Health professionals expressed great concern over the high incidence of infant mortality in major urban areas.

1779

**cutting; sharp**

His incisive remarks made us see the fallacy in our plans.

1782

**beginning; in an early stage**

I will go to sleep early for I want to break an incipient cold.

1781

**stormy; unkind**

I like to read a good book in inclement weather.

1784

**arouse to action**

The demagogue incited the mob to take action into its own hands.

1783

**tending or leaning toward; bent**

Though I am inclined to be skeptical, the witness's manner inclines me to believe his story.

1786

**slope; slant**

The architect recommended that the nursing home's ramp be rebuilt because its incline was too steep for wheelchairs.

1785

**with identity concealed; using an assumed name**

The monarch enjoyed traveling through the town incognito and mingling with the populace.

1788

**tending to include all**

The comedian turned down the invitation to join the Player's Club, saying any club that would let him in was too inclusive for him.

1787

## not spacious; inconvenient

In their incommodious quarters, they had to improvise for closet space.

1790

## unintelligible; muddled; illogical

The bereaved father sobbed and stammered, his words becoming almost incoherent in his grief.

1789

## lack of harmony; absurdity

The incongruity of his wearing sneakers with formal attire amused the observers.

1792

## inharmonious

The married couple argued incessantly and finally decided to separate because they were incompatible.

1791

## state of being self-contradictory; lack of

How are lawyers different from agricultural inspectors? Where lawyers check inconsistencies in witnesses' statements, agricultural inspectors check inconsistencies in Grade A eggs.

1794

## insignificant; unimportant

Brushing off Ali's apologies for having broken the wine glass, Tamara said, "Don't worry about it; it's inconsequential."

1793

## indisputable

We must yield to the incontrovertible evidence that you have presented and free your client.

1796

## lacking self-restraint

His incontinent behavior off stage shocked many people and they refused to attend the plays and movies in which he appeared.

1795

## immaterial; without a material body

We must devote time to the needs of our incorporeal mind as well as our corporeal body.

1798

## introduce something into a larger whole

Breaking with precedent, President Truman ordered the military to incorporate blacks into every branch of the armed services.

1797

## a tendency to disbelief

Your incredulity in the face of all the evidence is hard to understand.

1800

## uncorrectable

Though Widow Douglass hoped to reform Huck, Miss Watson pronounced him incorrigible and said he would come to no good end.

1799

## increase

The new contract calls for a 10 percent increment in salary for each employee for the next two years.

1802

## withholding belief; skeptical

When Jack claimed he hadn't eaten the jelly doughnut, Jill took an incredulous look at his smeared face and laughed.

1801

## hatch; scheme

Inasmuch as our supply of electricity is cut off, we shall have to rely on the hens to incubate these eggs.

1804

## accuse; serve as evidence against

The witness's testimony against the racketeers incriminates some high public officials as well.

1803

## officeholder

The newly elected public official received valuable advice from the present incumbent.

1806

## burden; mental care; nightmare

The incubus of financial worry helped bring on her nervous breakdown.

1805

## temporary invasion

The nightly incursions and hit-and-run raids of our neighbors across the border tried the patience of the country to the point where we decided to retaliate in force.

1808

## bring upon oneself

His parents refused to pay any future debts he might incur.

1807

## make secure against loss; compensate

The city will indemnify all home owners whose property is spoiled by this project.

1810

## tireless

He was indefatigable in his constant efforts to raise funds for the Red Cross.

1809

## uncertain; not clearly fixed; indefinite

That interest rates shall rise appears certain; when they will do so, however, remains indeterminate.

1812

## bind as servant or apprentice to master

Many immigrants could come to America only after they had indentured themselves for several years.

1811

## charge

If the grand jury indicts the suspect, he will go to trial.

1814

## suggestive; implying

A lack of appetite may be indicative of a major mental or physical disorder.

1813

## poverty

Neither the economists nor the political scientists have found a way to wipe out the inequities of wealth and eliminate indigence from our society.

1816

## unmoved; lacking concern

Because she felt no desire to marry, she was indifferent to his constant proposals.

1815

## anger at an injustice

He felt indignation at the ill-treatment of the helpless animals.

1818

## native

Tobacco is one of the indigenous plants that the early explorers found in this country.

1817

## choosing at random; confused

She disapproved of her son's indiscriminate television viewing and decided to restrict him to educational programs.

1820

## offensive or insulting treatment

Although he seemed to accept cheerfully the indignities heaped upon him, he was inwardly very angry.

1819

## permanent

The indissoluble bonds of marriage are all too often being dissolved.

1822

## too certain to be disputed

In the face of these indisputable statements, I withdraw my complaint.

1821

## laziness

He outgrew his youthful indolence to become a model of industry and alertness on the job.

1824

## write; compose

Cyrano indited many letters for Christian.

1823



## beyond a doubt

Because her argument was indubitably valid, the judge accepted it.

1826

## unconquerable

The founders of our country had indomitable willpower.

1825

## pertaining to induction or preceding fi

The discovery of the planet Pluto is an excellent example of the results that can be obtained from inductive reasoning.

1828

## persuade; bring about

After the quarrel, Tina said nothing could induce her to talk to Tony again.

1827

## habitual intoxication

Because of his inebriety, he was discharged from his position as family chauffeur.

1830

## humoring; yielding; lenient

indulgent parents spoil their children by giving in to their every whim.

1829

## not effective; weak

Because the candidate failed to get across his message to the public, his campaign was ineffectual.

1832

## unutterable; cannot be expressed in spe

Such ineffable joy must be experienced; it cannot be described.

1831

## lacking skill; inadequate; inappropriate

inept as a carpenter, Ira was all thumbs.

1834

## irresistable; not to be escaped

He felt that his fate was ineluctible and refused to make any attempt to improve his lot.

1833

## infallibility

Jane refused to believe in the pope's inerrancy, reasoning: "All human beings are capable of error. The pope is a human being. Therefore, he pope is capable of error.

1836

## unfairness

In demanding equal pay for equal work, women protest the basic inequity of a system that allots greater financial rewards to men.

1835

## unavoidable

Death and taxes are both inevitable.

1838

## state of being inert or indisposed to move

Our inertia in this matter may prove disastrous; we must move to aid our allies immediately.

1837

## unerring

We must remember that none of us is infallible; we all make mistakes.

1840

## relentless; unyielding; implacable

After listening to the pleas for clemency, the judge was inexorable and gave the convicted man the maximum punishment allowed by law.

1839

## childish; infantlike

When will he outgrow such infantile behavior?

1842

## notoriously bad

Jesse James was an infamous outlaw.

1841

## pertaining to hell; devilish

They could think of no way to hinder his infernal scheme.

1844

## deduce; conclude

We must be particularly cautious when we infer that a person is guilty on the basis of circumstantial evidence.

1843

## pass into or through; penetrate (an organ)

In order to infiltrate enemy lines at night without being seen, the scouts darkened their faces and wore black coveralls.

1846

## unbeliever

The Saracens made war against the infidels.

1845

## weakness

Her greatest infirmity was lack of willpower.

1848

## very small

In the twentieth century, physicists have made their greatest discoveries about the characteristics of infinitesimal objects like the atom and its parts.

1847

## flowing into

The influx of refugees into the country has taxed the relief agencies severely.

1850

## exaggerated; pompous; enlarged (with

His claims about the new product were inflated; it did not work as well as he had promised.

1849

## violate; encroach

I think your machine infringes on my patent and intend to sue.

1852

## violation

Because of his many infractions of school regulations, he was suspended by the dean.

1851

## naive; young and unsophisticated

Although she was over forty, the movie star still insisted that she be cast as an ingenuous sweet young thing.

1854

## clever

He came up with a use for Styrofoam packing balls that was so ingenious that his business school professors declared it was marketable.

1853

## ungrateful person

That ingrate Bob sneered at the tie I gave him.

1856

## deeply established; firmly rooted

Try as they would, the missionaries were unable to uproot the ingrained superstitions of the natives.

1855

## firmly established by nature or habit

His inherent love of justice compelled him to come to their aid.

1858

## become popular with

He tried to ingratiate himself into her parents' good graces.

1857

## unfriendly; hostile

She felt that they were inimical and were hoping for her downfall.

1860

## prohibit; restrain

The child was not inhibited in her responses.

1859

## unjust; wicked

I cannot approve of the iniquitous methods you used to gain your present position.

1862

## matchless; not able to be imitated

We admire Auden for his inimitable use of language; he is one of a kind.

1861

## harmful

Smoking cigarettes can be injurious to your health.

1864

## begin; originate; receive into a group

The college is about to initiate a program for reducing math anxiety among students.

1863

## inborn

His innate talent for music was soon recognized by his parents.

1866

## hint

This came as a complete surprise to me as I did not have the slightest inkling of your plans.

1865

## change; introduction of something new

She loved innovations just because they were new.

1868

## harmless

Let him drink it; it is innocuous and will have no ill effect.

1867

## untimely; poorly chosen

A rock concert is an inopportune setting for a quiet conversation.

1870

## hint; insinuation

I can defend myself against direct accusations; innuendos and oblique attacks on my character are what trouble me.

1869

## questioner (specially harsh); investigator

Fearing being grilled ruthlessly by the secret police, Marsha faced her inquisitors with trepidation.

1872

## unrestrained; excessive

She had an inordinate fondness for candy.

1871

**not easily satisfied; greedy**

Welty's thirst for knowledge was insatiable; she was in the library day and night.

1874

**unwholesome; not healthful**

The mosquito-ridden swamp was an insalubrious place, a breeding ground for malarial contagion.

1873

**without feeling**

She lay there as insensate as a log.

1876

**impenetrable; not readily understood; r**

Experienced poker players try to keep their expressions inscrutable, hiding their reactions to the cards behind a so-called poker face.

1875

**treacherous; stealthy; sly**

The fifth column is insidious because it works secretly within our territory for our defeat.

1878

**unconscious; unresponsive**

Sherry and I are very different; at times when I would be covered with embarrassment, she seems insensible to shame.

1877

**lacking in flavor; dull**

Flat prose and flat ginger ale are equally insipid: both lack sparkle.

1880

**hint; imply**

What are you trying to insinuate by that remark?

1879

**bankrupt; lacking money to pay**

When rumors that he was insolvent reached his creditors, they began to press him for payment of the money due them.

1882

**imprudent disrespect; haughtiness**

How dare you treat me so rudely! The manager will hear of you insolence.

1881

**indifferent; without concern or care**

Your insouciant attitude at such a critical moment indicates that you do not understand the gravity of the situation.

1884

**wakefulness; inability to sleep**

He refused to join us in a midnight cup of coffee because he claimed it gave him insomnia.

1883

## disobedient

The insubordinate private was confined to the barracks.

1886

## urge; start; provoke

I am afraid that this statement will instigate a revolt.

1885

## narrow-mindedness; isolation

The insularity of the islanders manifested itself in their suspicion of anything foreign.

1888

## lacking substance; insignificant; frail

His hopes for a career in acting proved insubstantial; no one would cast him, even in an insubstantial role.

1887

## rebellious

We will not discuss reforms until the insurgent troops have returned to their homes.

1890

## insurmountable; invincible

In the face of insuperable difficulties they maintained their courage and will to resist.

1889

## not able to be perceived by touch; vaguely

Though the financial benefits of his Oxford post were meager, Lewis was drawn to it by its intangible rewards: prestige, intellectual freedom, the fellowship of his peers.

1892

## rebellion; uprising

Given the current state of affairs in South Africa, an insurrection seems unavoidable.

1891

## make whole; combine; make into one unit

She tried to integrate all their activities into one program.

1894

## complete; necessary for completeness

Physical education is an integral part of our curriculum; a sound mind and a sound body are complementary.

1893

## higher mental powers

He thought college would develop his intellect.

1896

## uprightness; wholeness

Lincoln, whose personal integrity has inspired millions, fought a civil war to maintain the integrity of the republic, that these United States might remain undivided for all time.

1895

## bury

They are going to inter the body tomorrow at Broadlawn Cemetery.

1898

## intellectuals; members of the educated

She preferred discussions about sports and politics to the literary conversations of the intelligentsia.

1897

## meantime

The company will not consider our proposal until next week; in the interim, let us proceed as we have in the past.

1900

## prohibit; forbid

Civilized nations must interdict the use of nuclear weapons if we expect our society to live.

1899

## endless

Although his speech lasted for only twenty minutes, it seemed interminable to his bored audience.

1902

## intruder

The merchant thought of his competitors as interlopers who were stealing away his trade.

1901

## mutually destructive

The rising death toll on both sides indicates the internecine nature of his conflict.

1904

## periodic; on and off

Our picnic was marred by intermittent rains.

1903

## period between two reigns

Henry VIII desperately sought a male heir because he feared the civil strife that might occur if any prolonged interregnum succeeded his death.

1906

## insert between

She talked so much that I could not interpolate a single remark.

1905

## come between

She intervened in the argument between her two sons.

1908

## question closely; cross-examine

Knowing that the Nazis would interrogate him about his background, the secret agent invented a cover story that would help him meet their questions.

1907

## fear

A ruler who maintains his power by intimidation is bound to develop clandestine resistance.

1910

## hint

She intimated rather than stated her preferences.

1909

## state of stubborn unwillingness to com]

The intransigence of both parties in the dispute makes an early settlement almost impossible to obtain.

1912

## unruly; refractory

The horse was intractable and refused to enter the starting gate.

1911

## essentially; inherently; naturally

Although my grandmother's china has intrinsically little value, I shall always cherish it for the memories it evokes.

1914

## fearless

For his intrepid conduct in battle, he was promoted.

1913

## one who is introspective; inclined to th

In his poetry, he reveals that he is an introvert by his intense interest in his own problems.

1916

## looking within oneself

We all have our introspective moments during which we examine our souls.

1915

## power of knowing without reasoning

She claimed to know the truth by intuition.

1918

## trespass; enter as an uninvited person

She hesitated to intrude on their conversation.

1917

## accustomed; hardened

She became inured to the Alaskan cold.

1920

## overflow; flood

The tremendous waves inundated the town.

1919



## abuse

He had expected criticism but not the invective that greeted his proposal.

1922

## weaken; destroy

The relatives who received little or nothing sought to invalidate the will by claiming that the deceased had not been in his right mind when he signed the document.

1921

## lead astray; wheedle

She was inveigled into joining the club after an initial reluctance.

1924

## denounce; utter censure or invective

He inveighed against the demagoguery of the previous speaker and urged that the audience reject his philosophy as dangerous.

1923

## turn upside down or inside out

When he inverted his body in a hand stand, he felt the blood rush to his head.

1926

## opposite

There is an inverse ratio between the strength of light and its distance.

1925

## designed to create ill will or envy

We disregarded her invidious remarks because we realized how jealous she was.

1928

## deep-rooted; habitual

She is an inveterate smoker and cannot break the habit.

1927

## security from being destroyed, corrupt

They respected the inviolability of her faith and did not try to change her manner of living.

1930

## unconquerable

Superman is invincible.

1929

## incapable of injury

Achilles was invulnerable except in his heel.

1932

## call upon; ask for

She invoked her advisor's aid in filling out her financial aid forms.

1931

**irritable; easily angered**

Her irascible temper frightened me.

1934

**very small quantity**

She hadn't an iota of common sense.

1933

**exhibiting rainbowlike colors**

She admired the iridescent hues of the oil that floated on the surface of the water.

1936

**angry**

When John's mother found out that he had overthrown his checking account for the third month in a row, she was so irate that she could scarcely speak to him.

1935

**occurring in an unexpected and contra**

It is ironic that his success came when he least wanted it.

1938

**annoying; tedious**

He found working on the assembly line irksome because of the monotony of the operation he had to perform.

1937

**incompatible; not able to be resolved**

Because the separated couple were irreconcilable, the marriage counselor recommended a divorce.

1940

**hidden sarcasm or satire; use of words**

Gradually his listeners began to realize that the excessive praise he was lavishing was merely irony; he was actually denouncing his opponent.

1939

**incurable; uncorrectable**

The error she made was irremediable; she could see no way to repair it.

1942

**not applicable; unrelated**

This statement is irrelevant and should be disregarded by the jury.

1941

**unable to be restrained or held back**

Her high spirits were irrepressible.

1944

**not able to be corrected or repaired**

Your apology cannot atone for the irreparable damage you have done to her reputation.

1943

## lacking proper respect

The worshippers resented her irreverent remarks about their faith.

1946

## uncertain how to act; weak

She had no respect for him because he seemed weak-willed and irresolute.

1945

## varying form of an element

The study of the isotopes of uranium led to the development of the nuclear bomb.

1948

## unalterable

Let us not brood over past mistakes since they are irrevocable.

1947

## wandering; traveling

He was an itinerant peddler and traveled through Pennsylvania and Virginia selling his wares.

1950

## narrow neck of land connecting two la

In a magnificent feat of engineering, Goethals and his men cut through the isthmus of Panama in constructing the Panama Canal.

1949

## scatter

The molecules will intersperse throughout the space according to the second law of thermodynamics.

1952

## plan of a trip

Before leaving for his first visit to France and England, he discussed his itinerary with people who had been there and with his travel agent.

1951

## fatigued; surfeited

He looked for exotic foods to stimulate his jaded appetite.

1954

## unduly curious; prying; seeking knowl

We need more inquisitive students in this school; lectures are dull.

1953

## yellowed; prejudiced; envious

She gazed at the painting with jaundiced eyes; she knew it was better than hers.

1956

## language used by special group; gibber

We tried to understand the jargon of the peddlers in the market place but could not find any basis for comprehension.

1955

**lighthearted; animated; easy and carefr**

In Singing in the Rain, Gene Kelly sang and danced his way through the lighthearted title number in a properly jaunty style.

1958

**trip; short journey**

He took a quick jaunt to Atlantic City.

1957

**throw overboard**

In order to enable the ship to ride safely through the storm, the captain had to jettison much of his cargo.

1960

**exposure to death or danger**

Legally, one cannot be placed in double jeopardy.

1959

**given to joking**

The salesman was so jocose that many of his customers suggested that he become a stand-up comic.

1962

**extremely aggressive and militant patri**

We must be careful to prevent a spirit of jingoism from spreading at this time.

1961

**merry**

Santa Claus is always vivacious and jocund.

1964

**said or done in jest**

Do not take my jocular remarks seriously.

1963

**shove; bump**

In the subway he was jostled by the crowds.

1966

**gaiety; cheerfulness**

The festive Christmas dinner was a merry one, and old and young alike joined in the general jollity.

1965

**rejoicing**

There was great jubilation when the armistice was announced.

1968

**good natured; merry**

A frown seemed out of place on his invariably jovial face.

1967

## irresistible crushin force

Nothing could survive in the path of the juggernaut.

1970

## sound in judgment; wise

At a key moment in his life, he made a judicious investment that was the foundation of his later wealth.

1969

## trip, especially one taken for pleasure b

Though she maintained she had gone abroad to collect firsthand data on the Common Market, the opposition claimed that her trip was merely a political junket.

1972

## crisis;joining point

At this critical juncture, let us think carefully before determining the course we shall follow.

1971

## science of law

He was more a student of jurisprudence than a practitioner of the law.

1974

## group of persons joined in political inti

As soon as he learned of its existence, the dictator ordered the execution of all of the members of the junta.

1973

## tube in which patterns made by the refl

produce interesting symmetrical effects People found a new source of entertainment while peering through the kaleidoscope; they found the everchanging patterns fascinating.

1976

## place side by side

Comparison will be easier if you juxtapose the two objects.

1975

## grouch; spoilsport

At breakfast we had all been enjoying our bacon and eggs until that killjoy John started talking about how bad animal fats and cholesterol were for our health.

1978

## range of knowledge

I cannot answer your question since this matter is beyond my ken.

1977

## related; similar in nature or character

Tom Sawyer and Huck Finn were two kindred spirits.

1980

## start a fire; inspire

Her teacher's praise kindled a spark a hope inside her.

1979

## fate

kismet is the Arabic word for "fate."

1982

## producing motion

Designers of the electric automobile find that their greatest obstacle lies in the development of light and efficient storage batteries, the source of the kinetic energy needed to propel the vehicle.

1981

## rascality

We cannot condone such knavery in public officials.

1984

## person who has a compulsive desire to

They discovered that the wealthy customer was a kleptomaniac when they caught her stealing some cheap trinkets.

1983

## tolling of a bell, especially to indicate a

"The curfew tolls the knell of parting day."

1986

## mix; work dough

Her hands grew strong from kneading bread.

1985

## little, round hill

Robert Louis Stevenson's grave is on a knoll in Samoa; to reach the grave site, you must climb uphill and walk a short distance along a marked path.

1988

## contract into wrinkles

Whenever David worries, his brow knits in a frown.

1987

## honor; glory; praise

The singer complacently received kudos on his performance from his entourage.

1990

## intricate; difficult; tangled

What to Watson had been a knotty problem to Sherlock Holmes was simplicity itself.

1989

## demanding much work or care; tedious

In putting together his dictionary of the English language, Doctor Johnson undertook a laborious task.

1992

## likely to change; unstable

Because the hormonal changes they undergo affect their spirits, adolescents may become emotionally labile and experience sudden shifts of mood.

1991

## mangle; tear

Her body was lacerated in the automobile crash.

1994

## maze

Tom and Becky were lost in the labyrinth of secret caves.

1993

## affectedly languid

He was lackadaisical and indifferent about his part in the affair.

1996

## producing tears

His voice has a lachrymose quality that is more appropriate at a funeral than a class reunion.

1995

## brief and to the point

Many of the characters portrayed by Clint Eastwood are laconic types: strong men of few words.

1998

## dull

We were disappointed by the lackluster performance.

1997

## shallow body of water near a sea; lake

They enjoyed their swim in the calm lagoon.

2000

## slow; sluggish

The sailor had been taught not to be laggard in carrying out orders.

1999

## beat; thrash verbally or physically

It was painful to watch the champion lambaste his opponent, tearing into him mercilessly.

2002

## laypersons; persons not connected with

The laity does not always understand the clergy's problems.

2001

## ridicule

This article lampoons the pretensions of some movie moguls.

2004

## grieve; express sorrow

Even advocates of the war lamented the loss of so many lives in combat.

2003

## lose animation; lose strength

In stories, lovelorn damsels used to languish and pine away.

2006

## weary; sluggish; listless

Her siege of illness left her languid and pallid.

2005

## long and thin

lank, gaunt, Abraham Lincoln was a striking figure.

2008

## lassitude; depression

His friends tried to overcome the languor into which he had fallen by taking him to parties and to the theater.

2007

## pantry; place where food is kept

The first thing Bill did on returning home from school was to check what snacks his mother had in the larder.

2010

## theft

Because of the prisoner's record, the district attorney refused to reduce the charge from grand larceny to petit larceny.

2009

## lustful

Because they might arouse lascivious impulses in their readers, the lewd books were banned by the clergy.

2012

## generous gift

Lady Bountiful distributed largess to the poor.

2011

## dormant; hidden

Her latent talent was discovered by accident.

2014

## languor; weariness

The hot, tropical weather created a feeling of lassitude and encouraged drowsiness.

2013

## freedom from narrow limitations

I think you have permitted your son too much latitude in this matter.

2016

## coming from the side

In order to get good plant growth, the gardener must pinch off all lateral shoots.

2015



## expressing praise

The critics' laudatory comments helped to make her a star.

2018

## praiseworthy; commendable

His laudable deeds will be remarked by all whom he aided.

2017

## careless

We dislike restaurants where the service is lax and inattentive.

2020

## liberal; wasteful

The actor's lavish gifts pleased her.

2019

## gross lewdness; lustfulness

In his youth he led a life of lechery and debauchery; he did not mend his ways until middle age.

2022

## cause to rise or grow lighter; enliven

As bread dough is leavened, it puffs up, expanding in volume.

2021

## suspicious; cautious

Don't eat sushi at this restaurant; I'm a bit leery about how fresh it is.

2024

## reading desk

The chaplain delivered his sermon from a hastily improvised lectern.

2023

## a gift made by a will

Part of my legacy from my parents is an album of family photographs.

2026

## room to move; margin

When you set a deadline, allow a little leeway.

2025

## sleight of hand

The magician demonstrated his renowned legerdemain.

2028

## explanatory list of symbols on a map

The legend at the bottom of the map made it clear which symbols stood for rest areas along the highway and which stood for public camp sites.

2027

## like a lion

He was leonine in his rage.

2030

## mildness; permissiveness

Considering the gravity of the offense, we were surprised by the leniency of the sentence.

2029

## drowsy; dull

The stuffy room made her lethargic; she felt as if she was about to nod off.

2032

## deadly

It is unwise to leave lethal weapons where children may find them.

2031

## float in the air (especially by magical means)

As the magician passed his hands over the recumbent body of his assistant, she appeared to rise and levitate about three feet above the table.

2034

## earthen or stone embankment to prevent

As the river rose and threatened to overflow the levee, emergency workers rushed to reinforce the walls with sandbags.

2033

## impose (a fine); collect (a payment)

Crying "No taxation without representation," the colonists demonstrated against England's power to levy taxes.

2036

## lack of seriousness or steadiness; frivolous

Stop giggling and wriggling around in the pew; such levity is improper in church.

2035

## compiler of a dictionary

The new dictionary is the work of many lexicographers who spent years compiling and editing the work.

2038

## lustful

They found his lewd stories objectionable.

2037

## drawback; debts

Her lack of an extensive vocabulary was a liability that she was able to overcome.

2040

## dictionary

I cannot find this word in any lexicon in the library.

2039

defamatory; injurious to the good name

He sued the newspaper because of its libelous story.

2042

officer who acts as go-between for two

As the liaison, he had to avoid offending the leaders of the two armies.

2041

lustful

They objected to his libidinous behavior.

2044

debauched person, rascal

Although she was aware of his reputation as a libertine, she felt she could reform him and help him break his dissolute way of life.

2043

text of an opera

The composer of an opera's music is remembered more frequently than the author of its libretto.

2046

emotional urges behind human activity

The psychiatrist maintained that suppression of the libido often resulted in maladjustment and neuroses.

2045

legal claim on a property

There was a delay before Ralph could take possession of his late uncle's home; apparently, another claimant had a lien upon the estate.

2048

wanton; lewd; dissolute

The licentious monarch helped bring about his country's downfall.

2047

extremely small

Tiny and delicate, the model was built on a lilliputian scale.

2050

like wood

Petrified wood may be ligneous in appearance, but it is stonelike in composition.

2049

region near heaven or hell where certain

Among the divisions of Hell are Purgatory and limbo.

2052

flexible

Hours of ballet classes kept him limber.

2051

**clear**

A limpid stream ran through his property.

2054

**draw; outline; describe**

Paradoxically, the more realistic the details this artist chooses, the better able to limn her fantastic, otherworldly landscapes.

2053

**features, especially of the face**

She quickly sketched the lineaments of his face.

2056

**descent; ancestry**

He traced his lineage back to Mayflower days.

2055

**treat as a celebrity**

She enjoyed being lionized and adored by the public.

2058

**pertaining to language**

The modern tourist will encounter very little linguistic difficulty as English has become an almost universal language.

2057

**tilt; lean over**

That flagpole should be absolutely vertical; instead, it lists to one side.

2060

**settle accounts; clear up**

He was able to liquidate all his debts in short period of time.

2059

**supplicatory prayer**

On this solemn day, the congregation responded to the prayers of the priest during the litany with fervor and intensity.

2062

**lacking in spirit or energy**

We had expected him to be full of enthusiasm and were surprised by his listless attitude.

2061

**lawsuit**

Try to settle this amicably; I do not want to start litigation.

2064

**flexible; supple**

Her figure was lithe and willowy.

2063

**lead-colored; black and blue; ashen; ei**

His face was so livid with rage that we were afraid that he might have an attack of apoplexy.

2066

**understatement for emphasis**

To say, "He little realizes," when we mean that he does not realize at all, is an example of the kind of understatement we call litotes.

2065

**detest**

We loathed the wicked villain.

2068

**averse; reluctant**

They were both loath for him to go.

2067

**very high**

They used to tease him about his lofty ambitions.

2070

**metal-bearing vein**

If this lode that we have discovered extends for any distance, we have found a fortune.

2069

**lounge about**

They lolled around in their chairs watching television.

2072

**hang around; linger**

The policeman told him not to loiter in the alley.

2071

**gallop slowly**

As the horses loped along, we had an opportunity to admire the ever-changing scenery.

2074

**long life**

When he reached ninety, the old man was proud of his longevity.

2073

**clumsy person**

The delivery boy is an awkward lout.

2076

**talkative**

She is very loquacious and can speak on the telephone for hours.

2075

**easily understood; clear; intelligible**

Her explanation was lucid enough for a child to grasp.

2078

**moo**

From the hilltop, they could see the herd like ants in the distance; they could barely hear the cattle low.

2077

**money**

Preferring lucre to undying fame, he wrote stories of popular appeal.

2080

**profitable**

He turned his hobby into a lucrative profession.

2079

**mournful**

The lugubrious howling of the dogs added to our sadness.

2082

**laughable; trifling**

Let us be serious; this is not a ludicrous issue.

2081

**move heavily of clumsily**

Still somewhat torpid after its long hibernation, the bear lumbered through the woods.

2084

**moment of calm**

Not wanting to get wet, they waited under the awning for a lull in the rain.

2083

**celebrity; dignitary**

A leading light of the American stage, Ethel Barrymore was a theatrical luminary whose name lives on.

2086

**unit of light energy (one candle's worth)**

In buying light bulbs, she checked not only their power, as measured in watts, but their brightness, as measured in lumens.

2085

**pertaining to the moon**

lunar craters can be plainly seen with the aid of a small telescope.

2088

**shining; issuing light**

The sun is a luminous body.

2087

**stealthily lie in waiting; slink; exist un**

"Who knows what evils lurk in the hearts of men? The shadow knows."

2090

**wild; sensational**

The lurid stories he told shocked his listeners.

2089

**shine; gloss**

The soft luster of the silk in the dim light was pleasing.

2092

**pleasing to taste or smell**

The ripe peach was luscious.

2091

**fertile; abundant; ornate**

Farming was easy in this luxuriant soil.

2094

**shining**

Her large and lustrous eyes gave a touch of beauty to an otherwise drab face.

2093

**gruesome; grisly**

The city morgue is a macabre spot for the uninitiated.

2096

**facilitating evacuation of the bowels**

The effect of the constipation medicine is laxative; it empties the bowels.

2095

**soften by soaking in liquid; waste away**

The strawberries had been soaking in the champagne for so long that they had begun to macerate: they literally fell apart at the touch of a spoon.

2098

**ceremonial staff; clublike medieval we**

The Grand Marshal of the parade raised his mace to signal that it was time for the procession to begin.

2097

**schemes**

I can see through your wily machinations.

2100

**crafty; double-dealing**

I do not think he will be a good ambassador because he is not accustomed to the machiavellian maneuverings of foreign diplomats.

2099

## pastoral song

His program of folk songs included several madrigals which he sang to the accompaniment of a lute.

2102

## spotted; stained

Instead of writing that Gorbachev had a birthmark on his forehead, the pompous young poet sang of the former premier's maculated brow.

2101

## authoritative; imperious

The learned doctor laid down the law to his patient in a magisterial tone of voice.

2104

## whirlpool

The canoe was tossed about in the maelstrom.

2103

## person of prominence or influence

The steel magnate decided to devote more time to city politics.

2106

## generosity

Noted for his magnanimity, philanthropist Eugene Lang donated millions to charity.

2105

## greatness; extent

It is difficult to comprehend the magnitude of his crime.

2108

## boastful, pompous

In their stories of the trial, the reporters ridiculed the magniloquent speeches of the defense attorney.

2107

## clumsy; bungling

In his usual maladroit way, he managed to upset the cart and spill the food.

2110

## mutilate; injure

The hospital could not take care of all who had been mangled or maimed in the railroad accident.

2109

## comic misuse of a word

When Mrs. Malaprop criticizes Lydia for being "as headstrong as an allegory on the banks of the Nile," she confuses "allegory" and "allegator" in a typical malapropism.

2112

## uneasiness; distress

She felt a sudden vague malaise when she heard sounds at the door.

2111



### curse

The witch uttered maledictions against her captors.

2114

### person dissatisfied with existing state c

He was one of the few malcontents in the Congress; he constantly voiced his objections to the Presidential program.

2113

### wishing evil

We must thwart his malevolent schemes.

2116

### criminal

We must try to bring these malefactors to justice.

2115

### dictated by hatred or spite

The malicious neighbor spread the gossip.

2118

### wrongdoing

The authorities did not discover the campaign manager's malfeasance until after he had spent most of the money he had embezzled.

2117

### having an evil influence; virulent

This is a malignant disease; we must have to use drastic measures to stop its spread.

2120

### speak evil of; defame

Because of her hatred of the family, she maligns all who are friendly to them.

2119

### capable of being shaped by pounding

Gold is a malleable metal.

2122

### one who feigns illness to escape duty

The captain ordered the sergeant to punish all malingers and force them to work.

2121

### vertebrate animal whose female suckle;

Many people regard the whale as a fish and do not realize that it is a mammal.

2124

### foul-smelling

The component heap was most malodorous in summer.

2123

## restrain; handcuff

The police immediately manacled the prisoner so he could not escape.

2126

## gigantic

The mammoth corporations of the twentieth century are a mixed blessing

2125

## obligatory

These instructions are mandatory; any violation will be severely punished.

2128

## order; charge

In his inaugural address, the President stated that he had a mandate from the people to seek an end to social evils such as poverty and poor housing.

2127

## raving mad

His maniacal laughter frightened us.

2130

## shabby; wretched

We finally threw out the mangy rug that the dog had destroyed.

2129

## outward demonstration; indication

Mozart's early attraction to the harpsichord was the first manifestation of his pronounced musical bent.

2132

## understandable; clear

His evil intentions were manifest and yet we could not stop him.

2131

## numerous; varied

I cannot begin to tell you how much I appreciate your manifold kindnesses.

2134

## declaration; statement of policy

The Communist Manifesto by Marx and Engels proclaimed the principles of modern communism.

2133

## affected; not natural

Attempting to copy the style of his wealthy neighbors, Gatsby adopted a mannered, artificial way of speech.

2136

## operate with the hands; control or chan

How do you manipulate these puppets?

2135

## pertaining to marriage

After the publication of his book on marital affairs, he was often consulted by married people on the verge of divorce.

2138

## emancipate; free from bondage

Enlightened slave owners were willing to manumit their slaves and thus put an end to the evil slavery in the country.

2137

## noticeable; targeted for vengeance

He walked with a marked limp, a souvenir of an old IRA attack. As British ambassador, he knew he was a marked man.

2140

## bordering on the sea; nautical

The maritime Provinces depend on the sea for their wealth.

2139

## put in order

At a debate tournament, extemporaneous speakers have only a minute or two to marshal their thoughts before addressing their audience.

2142

## damaged; disfigured

She had to refinish the marred surface of the table.

2141

## warlike

The sound of martial music was always inspiring to the young poet.

2144

## one of a family of mammals that nurse

The most common marsupial in North America is the opossum.

2143

## person who enjoys his own pain

The masochist begs, "Hit me." The sadist smiles and says, "I won't."

2146

## strict disciplinarian

The commanding officer was a martinet who observed each regulation to the letter.

2145

## preoccupation with physical comforts &

By its nature, materialism is opposed to idealism, for where the materialist emphasizes the needs of the body, the idealist emphasizes the needs of the soul.

2148

## chew

We must masticate our food carefully and slowly in order to avoid digestive disorders.

2147

**woman who rules a family or larger soc**

The matriarch ruled her gypsy tribe with a firm hand.

2150

**motherly**

Many animals display maternal instincts only while their offspring are young and helpless.

2149

**effusively sentimental**

I do not like such maudlin pictures. I call them tearjerkers.

2152

**point of origin; array of numbers or alg**

Some historians claim the Nile Valley was the matrix of the Western civilization.

2151

**monumental tomb**

His body was placed in the family mausoleum.

2154

**handle roughly**

The rock star was mauled by his overexcited fans.

2153

**rebel; nonconformist**

To the masculine literary establishment, George Sand with her insistence on wearing trousers and smoking cigars was clearly a maverick who fought her proper womanly role.

2156

**pale purple**

The mauve tint in the lilac bush was another indication that spring had finally arrived.

2155

**proverb; a truth pithily stated**

Aesop's fables illustrate moral maxims.

2158

**sickening; insipid**

Your mawkish sighs fill me with disgust.

2157

**scanty; inadequate**

His salary was far too meager for him to afford to buy a new car.

2160

**injury to the body**

The riot was marked not only by mayhem, with its attendant loss of life and limb, but also by arson and pillage.

2159

to wind or turn in its course

It is difficult to sail up this stream because of the way it meanders through the countryside.

2162

indirect speech; hypocritical; evasive

Rather than tell Jill directly what he disliked, Jack made a few mealy-mouthed comments and tried to change the subject.

2161

settle a dispute through the services of

Let us mediate out differences rather than engage in a costly strike.

2164

interfering

He felt his marriage was suffering because of his meddling mother-in-law.

2163

reflection; thought

She reached her decision only after much meditation.

2166

ordinary; commonplace

We were disappointed because he gave a rather mediocre performance in this role.

2165

submissive; patient and long-suffering

Mr. Barrett never expected his meek daughter would dare to defy him by eloping with her suitor.

2168

mixture

The band played a medley of Gershwin tunes.

2167

fight

The captain tried to ascertain the cause of the melee that had broken out among the crew members.

2170

mania for doing grandiose things

Developers who spend millions trying to build the world's tallest skyscraper suffer from megalomania.

2169

token; reminder

Take this book as a memento of your visit.

2172

flowing smoothly; smooth

Italian is a mellifluous language.

2171

## lying; false

He was pathological liar, and his friends learned to discount his mendacious stories.

2174

## commemorate

Let us memorialize his great contribution by dedicating this library in his honor.

2173

## suitable for servants; low

I cannot understand why a person of your ability and talent should engage in such menial activities.

2176

## beggar

From the moment we left the ship, we were surrounded by mendicants and peddlers.

2175

## concerning trade

I am more interested in the opportunities available in the mercantile field than I am in those in the legal profession.

2178

## counselor; teacher

During this very trying period, she could not have had a better mentor, for the teacher was sympathetic and understanding.

2177

## fickle; changing

He was of a mercurial temperament and therefore unpredictable.

2180

## motivated solely by money or gain

"I'm not in this war because I get my kicks waving flags," said the mercenary soldier. "I'm in it for the dough."

2179

## combination (of two business corporations)

When the firm's president married the director of financial planning, the office joke was that it wasn't a marriage, it was a merger.

2182

## flashy; tawdry; falsely attractive

Her jewels were inexpensive but not meretricious.

2181

## pertaining to the art of removing metal

During the course of his metallurgical research, the scientist developed a steel alloy of tremendous strength.

2184

## hypnotize

The incessant drone seemed to mesmerize him and place him in a trance.

2183

## implied comparison

"He soared like an eagle" is an example of a simile; "He is an eagle in flight," is a metaphor.

2186

## change of form

The metamorphosis of caterpillar to butterfly is typical of many such changes in animal life.

2185

## measure; distribute

He tried to be impartial in his efforts to mete out justice.

2188

## pertaining to speculative philosophy

The modern poets have gone back to the fanciful poems of the metaphysical poets of the seventeenth century for many of their images.

2187

## systematic

An accountant must be methodical and maintain order among his financial records.

2190

## swift; momentarily brilliant

We all wondered at his meteoric rise to fame.

2189

## large city

Every evening this terminal is filled with the thousands of commuters who are going from this metropolis to their homes in the suburbs.

2192

## excessively careful

He was meticulous in checking his accounts and never made mistakes.

2191

## swamp gas; heavy, vaporous atmosphere

corrupting influence The smog hung over Victorian London like a dark cloud; noisome, reeking of decay, it was a visible miasma.

2194

## courage; spirit

When challenged by the other horses in the race, the thoroughbred proved its mettle by its determination to hold the lead.

2193

## changing its habitat; wandering

These migrant birds return every spring.

2196

## small world

In the microcosm of our rural village, we find illustrations of all the evils that beset the universe.

2195

## environment; means of expression

His milieu is watercolors, although he has produced excellent oil paintings and lithographs.

2198

## wandering

The return of the migratory birds to the northern sections of this country is a harbinger of spring.

2197

## work against

Your record of lateness and absence will militate against your chances of promotion.

2200

## combative; bellicose

Although at this time he was advocating a policy of neutrality, one could usually find him adopting a more militant attitude.

2199

## imitation

Her gift for mimicry was so great that her friends said that she should be in the theater.

2202

## thousand-year period; period of happen

I do not expect the millennium to come during my lifetime.

2201

## affectedly dainty

Yum-Yum walked across the stage with mincing steps.

2204

## menacing; threatening

Jabbing a minatory forefinger at Dorothy, the Wicked Witch cried, "I'll get you, and your little dog, too!"

2203

## extremely small

Why should I involve myself with a project with so minuscule a chance for success?

2206

## a servile dependent

He was always accompanied by several of his minions because he enjoyed their subservience and flattery.

2205

## petty details

She would have liked to ignore the minutiae of daily living.

2208

## extremely small

The twins resembled one another closely; only minute differences set them apart.

2207



**entangle; stick in swampy ground**

Their rear wheels became mired in mud.

2210

**unreal reflection; optical illusion**

The lost prospector was fooled by a mirage in the desert.

2209

**mischance; ill luck**

The young explorer met death by misadventure.

2212

**merriment; laughter**

Sober Malvolio found Sir Toby's mirth improper.

2211

**error; misunderstanding**

To avoid msapprehension, I am going to ask all of you to repeat the instructions I have given.

2214

**one who hates mankind**

We thought the hermit was a miantrope because he shunned our society.

2213

**ill luck**

By mischance, he lost his week's salary.

2216

**mixture of writings on various subjects**

This is an interesting miscellany of nineteenth-century prose and poetry.

2215

**wretch; villain**

His kindness to the miscreant amazed all of us who had expected to hear severe punishment pronounced.

2218

**interpret incorrectly; misjudge**

She took the passage seriously rather than humourously because she misconstrued the author's ironic tone.

2217

**stingy; mean**

The miserly old man hoarded his coins not out of prudence but out of greed.

2220

**minor crime**

The culprit pleaded guilty to a misdemeanor rather than face trial for a felony.

2219

## accident

With a little care you could have avoided this mishap.

2222

## doubts

Hamlet described his misgivings to Horatio but decided to fence with Laertes despite his foreboding of evil.

2221

## hatred of marriage

He remained a bachelor not because of misogamy but because of ill fate: his fiancée died before the wedding.

2224

## wrong name; incorrect designation

His tyrannical conduct proved to all that his nickname, King Eric the Just, was a misnomer.

2223

## object to be thrown or projected

Scientists are experimenting with guided missiles.

2226

## hater of women

She accused him of being a misogynist because he had been a bachelor all his life.

2225

## very small object or creature; small coi

Gnats are annoying mites that sing.

2228

## letter

The ambassador received a missive from the Secretary of State.

2227

## pertaining to memory

He used mnemonic tricks to master new words.

2230

## appease

Nothing he did could mitigate her wrath; she was unforgiving.

2229

## prevailing style

She was not used to their lavish mode of living.

2232

## movable; not fixed

The mobile blood bank operated by the Red Cross visited our neighborhood today.

2231

## fashionable

She always discarded all garments that were no longer modish.

2234

## limited quantity

Although his story is based on a modicum of truth, most of the events he describes are fictitious.

2233

## powerful person

The oil moguls made great profits when the price of gasoline rose.

2236

## toning down; changing from one key to

When we she spoke, it was with quiet modulation of voice.

2235

## soothe

We tried to mollify the hysterical child by promising her many gifts.

2238

## the smallest particle (one or more atom

substance In chemistry, we study how atoms and molecules react to form new substances.

2237

## shed or cast off hair or feathers

The male robin molted in the spring.

2240

## pamper; indulge excessively

Don't mollycoddle the boy, Maud! You'll spoil him.

2239

## very important

On this momentous occasion, we must be very solemn.

2242

## melted

The city of Pompeii was destroyed by volcanic ash rather than by molten lava flowing from Mount Vesuvius.

2241

## government under a single hereditary r

England today remains a monarchy.

2244

## quantity of motion of a moving body; i

The car lost momentum as it tried to ascend the steep hill.

2243

## pertaining to money

Jane held the family purse strings: she made all monetary decisions affecting the household.

2246

## related to monks

Wanting to live a religious life, he took his monastic vows.

2245

## solidly uniform; unyielding

Knowing the importance of appearing resolute, the patriots sought to present a monolithic front.

2248

## having only one color

Most people who are color blind actually can distinguish several colors; some, however, have a truly monochromatic view of a world all in shades of gray.

2247

## sameness leading to boredom

He took a clerical job, but soon grew to hate the monotony of his daily routine.

2250

## belief in one God

Abraham was the first to proclaim his belief in monotheism.

2249

## fits of depression or gloom

We could not discover the cause of her recurrent moodiness.

2252

## massive

Writing a dictionary is a monumental task.

2251

## given to unwholesome thought; gloomy

These morbid speculations are dangerous; we must lighten our spirits by emphasizing more pleasant matters.

2254

## legal delay of payment

If we declare a moratorium and delay collection of debts for six months, I am sure the farmers will be able to meet their bills.

2253

## customs

The mores of Mexico are those of Spain with some modifications.

2256

## biting; sarcastic; stinging

Actors feared the critic's mordant pen.

2255

## ill-humored; sullen

When we first meet Hamlet, we find him morose and depressed.

2258

## at the point of death

The doctors called the family to the bedside of the moribund patient.

2257

## humiliate; punish the flesh

She was so mortified by her blunder that she ran to her room in tears.

2260

## undertaker

The mortician prepared the corpse for burial.

2259

## small speck

The tiniest mote in the eye is very painful.

2262

## picture made of smell, colorful inlaid ti

The mayor compared the city to a beautiful mosaic made up of people of every race and religion on earth.

2261

## ability to move spontaneously

Certain organisms exhibit remarkable motility; motile spores, for example, may travel for miles before coming to rest.

2264

## theme

This simple motif runs throughout the score.

2263

## spotted

When he blushed, his face took on a mottled hue.

2266

## parti-colored; mixed

The captain had gathered a motley crew to sail the vessel.

2265

## confuse; mix up

His thoughts were muddled and chaotic.

2268

## charlatan; boastful pretender

The patent medicine man was a mountebank.

2267

## defraud a person of something

The lawyer was accused of trying to mulct the boy of his legacy.

2270

## warm and damp

August in New York City is often muggy.

2269

## having many forms

Snowflakes are multiform but always hexagonal.

2272

## varied; greatly diversified

A career woman and mother, she was constantly busy with the multifarious activities of her daily life.

2271

## state of being numerous

He was appalled by the multiplicity of details he had to complete before setting out on his mission.

2274

## having many languages

Because they are bordered by so many countries, the Swiss people are multilingual.

2273

## very generous

The munificent gift was presented to the bride by her rich uncle.

2276

## worldly as opposed to spiritual

He was concerned only with mundane matters, especially the daily stock market quotations.

2275

## ponder

For a moment he mused about the beauty of the scene, but his thought soon changed as he recalled his own personal problems.

2278

## darkness; gloom

The murkiness and fog of the waterfront that evening depressed me.

2277

## gather; assemble

Washington mustered his forces at Trenton.

2280

## having the odor of musk

She left a trace of musky perfume behind her.

2279

**changing in form; fickle**

His opinion were mutable and easily influenced by anyone who had any powers of persuasion.

2282

**stale; spoiled by age**

The attic was dark and musty.

2281

**maim**

The torturer threatened to mutilate his victim.

2284

**silent; muffled; toned down**

In the funeral parlor, the mourners' voices had a muted quality.

2283

**nearsighted**

In thinking only of your present needs and ignoring the future, you are being rather myopic.

2286

**unruly; rebellious**

The captain had to use force to quiet his mutinous crew.

2285

**murmur or grumble**

The child muttered at the doll.

2288

**very large number**

myriads of mosquitoes from the swamps invaded our village every twilight.

2287

**lowest point**

Although few people realized it, the Dow-Jones averages had reached their nadir and would soon begin an upward surge.

2290

**person who makes or sells women's hats**

The millinery displayed fashionable hats in the street where many women passed by.

2289

**conceited person**

A narcissist is his own best friend.

2292

**quality of being unsophisticated**

I cannot believe that such naivete is unassumed in a person of her age and experience.

2291

## incipient; coming into being

If we could identify these revolutionary movements in their nascent state, we would be able to eliminate serious trouble in later years.

2294

## related to telling a story

A born teller of tales, Olsen used her impressive narrative skills to advantage in her story "I Stand Here Ironing."

2293

## neatly or smartly dressed

Priding himself on being a natty dresser, the gangster Bugsy Siegel collected a wardrobe of imported suits and ties.

2296

## swimming

The Red Cross emphasizes the need for courses in natation.

2295

## pertaining to ships or navigation

The Maritime Museum contains many models of clipper ships, logbooks, anchors and many other items of a nautical nature.

2298

## cause to become sick; fill with disgust

The foul smells began to nauseate him.

2297

## black magic; dealings with the dead

Because he was able to perform feats of necromancy, the natives thought he was in league with the devil.

2300

## vague; hazy; cloudy

She had only a nebulous memory of her grandmother's face.

2299

## denial

I must accept his argument since you have been unable to present any negation of his evidence.

2302

## very wicked

He was universally feared because of his many nefarious deeds.

2301

## so small, trifling, or unimportant as to

Because the damage to his car had been negligible, Michael decided he wouldn't bother to report the matter to his insurance company.

2304

## carelessness

negligence can prove costly near complicated machinery.

2303



**new or newly coined word or phrase**

As we invent new techniques and professions, we must also invent neologisms such as "microcomputer" and "astronaut" to describe them.

2306

**revenging agent**

Captain Bligh vowed to be Christian's nemesis.

2305

**favoritism (to a relative)**

John left his position with the company because he felt that advancement was based on nepotism rather than ability.

2308

**recent convert; beginner**

This mountain slope contains slides that will challenge experts as well as neophytes.

2307

**annoy; vex**

Do not let him nettle you with his sarcastic remarks.

2310

**lower**

Tradition locates hell in the nether regions.

2309

**beak; pen point**

The nibs of fountain pens often become clotted and corroded.

2312

**connection**

I fail to see the nexus that binds these two widely separated events.

2311

**meanly stingy; parsimonious**

The niggardly pittance the widow receives from the government cannot keep her from poverty.

2314

**precision; minute distinction**

I cannot distinguish between such niceties of reasoning.

2313

**denial of traditional values; total skepti**

nihilism holds that existence has no meaning.

2316

**spend too much time on minor points;**

Let's not niggle over details.

2315

### done at night

Mr. Jones obtained a watchdog to prevent the nocturnal raids on his chicken coops.

2318

### Buddhist teachings, the ideal state in

Despite his desire to achieve nirvana, the young Buddhist found that even the buzzing of a fly could distract him from his meditation.

2317

### wandering

Several nomadic tribes of Indians would hunt in this area each year.

2320

### foul smelling; unwholesome

I never could stand the noisome atmosphere surrounding the slaughter houses.

2319

### in name only; trifling

He offered to drive her to the airport for only a nominal fee.

2322

### terminology; system of names

She struggled to master scientific nomenclature.

2321

### neutral; unpledged; undecided

We were annoyed by his noncommittal reply for we had been led to expect definite assurances of his approval.

2324

### indifference; lack of interest

Few people could understand how he could listen to the news of the tragedy with such nonchalance; the majority regarded him as callous and unsympathetic.

2323

### person of no importance; nonexistence

Don't dismiss John as a nonentity; in his quiet way, he's very important to the firm.

2326

### undistinctive; ordinary

The private detective was a short, nondescript fellow with no outstanding features, the sort of person one would never notice in a crowd.

2325

### homesickness; longing for the past

The first settlers found so much work to do that they had little time for nostalgia.

2328

### bring to a halt by confusion; perplex

Jack's uncharacteristic rudeness nonplussed Jill, leaving her uncertain how to react.

2327

## disrepute; ill fame

To the starlet, any publicity was good publicity: if she couldn't have a good reputation, she'd settle for notoriety.

2330

## questionable medicine

No quack selling nostrums is going to cheat me.

2329

## beginner

Even a novice can do good work if he follows these simple directions.

2332

## something new; newness

The computer is no longer a novelty around the office.

2331

## shade of difference in meaning or color

The unskilled eye of the layperson has difficulty in discerning the nuances of color in the paintings.

2334

## harmful

We must trace the source of these noxious gases before they asphyxiate us.

2333

## futile; worthless

This agreement is nugatory for no court will enforce it.

2336

## marrigeable

Mrs. Bennet, in *Pride and Prejudice* by Jane Austen, was worried about finding suitable husbands for her five nubile daughters.

2335

## person who collects coins

The numismatist had a splendid collection of antique coins.

2338

## to make invalid

Once the contract was nullified, it no longer had any legal force.

2337

## nourish; educate; foster

The head Start program attempts to nurture prekindergarten children so that they will do well when they enter public school.

2340

## related to marriage

Their nuptial ceremony was performed in Golden Gate Park.

2339

**stupid, awkward person**

He called the unfortunate waiter a clumsy oaf.

2342

**nourishing substance**

As a budding nutritionist, Kim has learned to design diets that contain foods rich in important basic nutrients.

2341

**bow**

She made an obeisance as the king and queen entered the room.

2344

**stubborn**

He was obdurate in his refusal to listen to our complaints.

2343

**excessively fat**

It is advisable that obese people try to lose weight.

2346

**tall column tapering and ending in a pyramid**

Cleopatra's Needle is an obelisk in New York City's Central Park.

2345

**death notice**

I first learned of her death when I read the obituary in the newspaper.

2348

**confuse; muddle**

Do not obfuscate the issues by dragging in irrelevant arguments.

2347

**goal; aim**

A degree in medicine was her ultimate objective.

2350

**not influenced by emotions; fair**

Even though he was her son, she tried to be objective about his behavior.

2349

**slanting; deviating from the perpendicular**

The sergeant ordered the men to march "oblique right."

2352

**binding; required**

It is obligatory that books borrowed from the library be returned within two weeks.

2351

## forgetfulness

Her work had fallen into a state of oblivion; no one bothered to read them.

2354

## destroy completely

The tidal wave obliterated several island villages.

2353

## offensive

I find your behavior obnoxious; please mend your ways.

2356

## slander; disgrace; infamy

I resent the obloquy that you are casting upon my reputation.

2355

## darken; make unclear

At times he seemed purposely to obscure his meaning, preferring mystery to clarity.

2358

## dark; vague; unclear

Even after I read the poem a fourth time, its meaning was still obscure.

2357

## funeral ceremony

Hundreds paid their last respects at his obsequies.

2360

## slavishly attentive; servile; sycophantic

Helen valued people who behaved as if they respected themselves; nothing irritated her more than an excessively obsequious waiter or a fawning salesclerk.

2359

## clak volcanic rock

The deposits of obsidian on the mountain slopes were an indication that volcano had erupted in ancient times.

2362

## fixed idea; continued brooding

This obsession with the supernatural has made him unpopular with his neighbors.

2361

## physician specializing in delivery of babies

Unlike midwives, who care for women giving birth at home, obstetricians generally work in a hospital setting.

2364

## outmoded

"Hip" is an obsolete expression; it went out with love beads and tie-dye shirts.

2363

## boisterous; noisy

The crowd became obstreperous and shouted their disapproval of the proposals made by the speaker.

2366

## stubborn

We tried to persuade him to give up smoking, but he was obstinate and refused to change.

2365

## blunt; stupid

Because he was so obtuse, he could not follow the teacher's reasoning and asked foolish questions.

2368

## pushing forward

I found her a very obtrusive person, constantly seeking the center of the stage.

2367

## the West

It will take occidnt to understand the ways and customs of the orient.

2370

## make unnecessary; get rid of

I hope this contribution will obviate any need for further collections of funds.

2369

## mysterious; secret; supernatural

The occult rites of the organization were revealed only to members.

2372

## shut; close

A blood clot occluded an artery to the heart.

2371

## hateful

I find the task of punishing you most odious.

2374

## physician who specialized in treatment

In many states, an oculist is the only one who may apply medicinal drops to the eyes for the purpose of examining them.

2373

## giving off an odor

The odoriferous spices stimulated her jaded appetite.

2376

## repugnance; dislike

I cannot express the odium I feel at your heinous actions.

2375

## long, evenful journey

The refugee's journey from Cambodia was a terrifying odyssey.

2378

## having an odor

This variety of hybrid tea rose is more odorous than the one you have in your garden.

2377

## casual; done without prior thought

Expecting to be treated with due propriety by her costs, Great-Aunt Maud was offended by their offhand manner.

2380

## attacking; insulting; distasteful

Getting into street brawls is no minor offense for professional boxers, who are required by law to restrict their offensive impulses to the ring.

2379

## glance coquettishly at; make eyes at

Sitting for hours at the sidewalk cafe, the old gentleman would oggle the young girls and recall his youthful romances.

2382

## meddlesome; excessively pushy in offe

After her long flight, Jill just wanted to nap, but the officious bellboy was intent on showing her all the special features of the deluxe suite.

2381

## government by a few

The feudal oligarchy was supplanted by an autocracy.

2384

## concerning the sense of smell

The olfactory organ is the nose.

2383

## all-powerful

The monarch regarded himself as omnipotent and responsible to no one for his acts.

2386

## threatening

Those clouds are ominous; they suggest that a severe storm is on the way.

2385

## all-knowing

I do not pretend to be omniscient, but I am positive about this fact.

2388

## universally present; ubiquitous

On Christmas Eve, Santa Claus is omnipotent.

2387

## burdensome

He asked for an assistant because his work load was too onerous.

2390

## eating both plant and animal food; dev

Some animals, including humans, are omnivorous and eat both meat and vegetables; others are either carnivorous or herbivorous.

2389

## vicious assault

We suffered many casualties during unexpected onslaught of the enemy troops.

2392

## words formed in imitation of natural sc

Words like "rustle" and "gargle" are illustrations of onomatopoeia.

2391

## iridescent

The Ancient Mariner admired the opalescent sheen on the water.

2394

## burden; responsibility

The emperor was spared the onus of signing the surrender papers; instead, he relegated the assignment to his generals.

2393

## sleep producer; deadener of pain

By such opiates, she made the people forget their difficulties and accept their unpleasant circumstances.

2396

## dark; not transparent

The opaque window kept the sunlight out of the room.

2395

## individual who sacrifices principles for

Forget about ethics! He's such an opportunist that he'll vote in favor of any deal that will give him a break.

2398

## timely; well chosen

You have come at an opportune moment for I need a new secretary.

2397

## maker and seller of eyeglasses

The patient took the prescription given him by his oculist to the optician.

2400

## infamy; vilification

He refused to defend himself against the slander and opprobrium hurled against him by the newspapers; he preferred to rely on his record.

2399



## most favorable

If you wait for the optimum moment to act, you may never begin your project .

2402

## person who looks on the bright side

The pessimist says the glass is half-empty; the optimist says it is half-full.

2401

## one who fits glasses to remedy visual d

Although an optometrist is qualified to treat many eye disorders, she may not use medicines or surgery in her examinations.

2404

## not compulsory; left to one's choice

I was impressed by the range of optional accessories for my microcomputer that were available.

2403

## work

Although many critics hailed his Fifth Symphony, he did not regard it as his major opus.

2406

## extreme wealth; luxuriousness; abunda

The glitter and opulence of the ballroom took Cinderella's breath away.

2405

## dramatic poem set to music

The Glee Club decided to present an oratorio during their recital.

2408

## foretelling; mysterious

Oedipus could not understand the oracular warning he received.

2407

## severe trial or affliction

Terry Anderson spoke movingly of his long ordeal as a hostage in Lebanon.

2410

## command; arrange; consecrate

The king ordained that no foreigner should be allowed to enter the city.

2409

## ceremony conferring holy orders

The candidate for ordination had to meet with the bishop and the diocesan officers before being judged ready to be ordained a deacon.

2412

## decree

Passing a red light is a violation of a city ordinance.

2411

## act of finding oneself in society

Freshman orientation provides the incoming students with an opportunity to learn about their new environment and their place in it.

2414

## get one's bearings; adjust

Philip spent his first day in Denver orienting himself to the city.

2413

## excessively or elaborately decorated

Furniture of the Baroque period can be recognized by its ornate carvings.

2416

## mouthlike opening; small opening

The Howe Caverns were discovered when someone observed that a cold wind was issuing from an orifice in the hillside.

2415

## traditional; conservative in belief

Faced with a problem, he preferred to take an orthodox approach rather than shock anyone.

2418

## scientific student of birds

Auduborn's drawings of American bird life have been of interest not only to the ornithologists but also to the general public.

2417

## vibrate pendulumlike; waver

It is interesting to note how public opinion oscillates between the extremes of optimism and pessimism.

2420

## correct spelling

Many of us find English orthography difficult to master because so many of our words are written phonetically.

2419

## change or harden into bone

When he called his opponent a "bonehead," he implied that his adversary's brain had ossified and that he was not capable of clear thinking.

2422

## made of bone; bony

The hollow "soft spot" found at the top of the infant's skull gradually closes as new osseus tissue fills in the gap.

2421

## showy; pretentious; trying to attract att

Trump's latest casino in Atlantic City is the most ostentatious gambling place in the East: it easily outglitters its competitors.

2424

## apparent; professed; pretended

Although the ostensible purpose of this expedition is to discover new lands, we are really interested in finding new markets for our products.

2423

**expel; drive out**

The world wondered if Aquino would be able to oust Marcos from office.

2426

**exclude from public favor; ban**

As soon as the newspapers carried the story of his connection with the criminals, his friends began to ostracize him.

2425

**no longer stylish; old-fashioned**

Unconcerned about keeping in style, Lenore was perfectly happy to wear outmoded clothes as long as they were clean and unfrayed.

2428

**bizarre; peculiar; unconventional**

The eccentric professor who engages in markedly outlandish behavior is a stock figure in novels with an academic setting.

2427

**candid; blunt**

The candidate was too outspoken to be a successful politician; he had not yet learned to weigh his words carefully.

2430

**fringes; outer borders**

Living outskirts of Boston, Sarah sometimes felt as if she were cut off from the cultural heart of the city.

2429

**outsmart; trick**

By disguising himself as an old woman, Holmes was able to outwit his pursuers and escape capture.

2432

**surpass; outdo**

Jesse Owens easily outstripped his competitors to win the gold medal at the Olympic Games.

2431

**bossy; arrogant; decisively important**

Certain of her own importance and of the unimportance of everyone else, Lady Bracknell was intolerably overbearing in manner. "In choosing a husband," she said, "good birth is of overbearing importance; compared to that, neither wealth nor talent signify"

2434

**enthusiastic applause**

When Placido Domingo came on stage in the first act of La Boheme, he was greeted by a tremendous ovation.

2433

**presumptuous; arrogant**

His overweening pride in his accomplishments was not justified.

2436

**open to view**

According to the United States Constitution, a person must commit an overt act before he may be tried for treason.

2435

## egg-shaped

At Easter she had to cut out hundreds of brightly colored ovoid shapes.

2438

## extremely agitated; hysterical

When Kate heard the news of the sudden tragedy, she became too overwrought to work and had to leave the office early.

2437

## thick-skinned animal

The elephant is probably the best-known pachyderm.

2440

## thoroughly examine the condition of ar

It is necessary for the engineers of NASA to overhaul the rocket everyday; otherwise, an incident similar to that of Challenger accident might happen.

2439

## soothe; make calm or quiet; subdue

Dentists criticize the practice of giving fussy children sweets to pacify them.

2442

## one opposed to force; antimilitarist

The pacifists urged that we reduce our military budget and recall our troops stationed overseas.

2441

## showing hard work; taking great care

The new high-frequency word list is the result of painstaking efforts on the part of our research staff.

2444

## song of praise or joy

paean celebrating the victory filled the air.

2443

## magnificent

He proudly showed us through his palatial home.

2446

## agreeable; pleasing to the taste

Neither Jack's underbaked opinions nor his overcooked casseroles were palatable to me.

2445

## board on which a painter mixes pigment

At the present time, art supply stores are selling a paper palette that may be discarded after use.

2448

## study of prehistoric life

The professor of paleontology had a superb collection of fossils.

2447

## grow tiresome

The study of word lists can eventually pall and put one to sleep.

2450

## parchment used for second time after o

Using chemical reagents, scientists have been able to restore the original writings on many palimpsests.

2449

## ease pain; make less severe or offensive

If we cannot cure this disease at present, we can, at least try to palliate the symptoms.

2452

## small, poor bed

The weary traveler went to sleep on his straw pallet.

2451

## tangible; easily perceptible

I cannot understand how you could overlook such a palpable blunder.

2454

## pale; wan

Because his occupation required that he work at night and sleep during the day, he had an exceptionally pallid complexion.

2453

## insignificant; petty

This is a paltry sum to pay for such a masterpiece.

2456

## throb; flutter

As he became excited, his heart began to palpitate more and more erratically.

2455

## cure-all; remedy for all diseases

There is no easy panacea that will solve our complicated international situation.

2458

## criticize harshly

Hoping for a rave review of his new show, the playwright was miserable when the critics panned it unanimously.

2457

## widespread; affecting the majority of p

They feared the AIDS epidemic would soon reach pandemic proportions.

2460

## flair; flamboyance

Many performers imitate Noel Coward, but few have his panache and sense of style.

2459

## cater to the low desires of others

The reviewer accused the makers of Lethal Weapon of pandering to the masses' taste of violence.

2462

## wild tumult

When the ships collided in the harbor, pandemonium broke out among the passengers.

2461

## denoting an unobstructed and compreh

On a clear day, from the top of the World Trade Center you can get a panoramic view of New York City and neighboring stretches of New Jersey and Long Island.

2464

## formal praise

The modest hero blushed to hear the speakers delivering panegyrics about his valorous act.

2463

## ancient paper made from stem of papyr

The ancient Egyptians were among the first to write on papyrus.

2466

## acting without dialogue

Because he worked in pantomime, the clown could be understood wherever he appeared.

2465

## model; example; pattern

Pavlov's experiment in which he trains a dog to salivate on hearing a bell is a paradigm of the conditioned response experiment in behavioral psychology.

2468

## short, simple story teaching a moral

Let us apply to our own conduct the lesson that this parable teaches.

2467

## model of perfection

The class disliked him because the teacher was always pointing him out as a paragon of virtue.

2470

## statement that looks false but is actual

Wordsworth's "The child is father to the man" is an example of paradox.

2469

## limit; independent variable

We need to define the parameters of the problem.

2472

## state of being parallel; similarity

There is a striking parallelism between the twins.

2471

### illicit lover

She sought a divorce on the grounds that her husband had a paramour in another town.

2474

### foremost in importance; supreme

Proper nutrition and hygiene are of paramount importance in adolescent development and growth.

2473

### equipment; odds and ends

His desk was cluttered with paper, pen, ink, dictionary and other paraphernalia of the writing craft.

2476

### psychosis marked by delusions of grandeur

Suffering from paranoia, he claimed everyone was out to get him; ironically, his claim was accurate; even paranoids have enemies.

2475

### animal or plant living on another; toad

The tapeworm is an example of the kind of parasite that may infest the human body.

2478

### restate a passage in one's own words

In 250 words or less, paraphrase this article.

2477

### social outcast

I am not a pariah to be shunned and ostracized.

2480

### extremely dry; very thirsty

The parched desert landscape seemed hostile to life.

2479

### language; idiom

All this legal parlance confuses me; I need an interpreter.

2482

### equality; close resemblance

I find your analogy inaccurate because I do not see the parity between the two illustrations.

2481

### narrow in outlook; provincial; related to

Although Jane Austen writes novels set in small rural communities, her concerns are universal, not parochial.

2484

### conference

The peace parley has not produced the anticipated truce.

2483

## fit or attack of pain, laughter, rage

When he heard of his son's misdeeds, he was seized by a paroxysm of rage.

2486

## humorous imitation; travesty

We enjoyed the clever parodies of popular songs that the chorus sang.

2485

## ward off a blow

He was content to wage a defensive battle and tried to parry his opponent's thrusts.

2488

## floor made of wood strips inlaid in a m

In laying the floor, the carpenters combined redwood and oak in an elegant parquet.

2487

## incomplete

In this issue we have published only a partial list of contributors because we lack space to acknowledge everyone.

2490

## stingy; excessively frugal

His parsimonious nature did not permit him to enjoy any luxuries.

2489

## inclination; bias

As a judge, not only must I be unbiased, but I must also avoid any evidence of partiality when I award the prize.

2492

## biased; having a liking for something

I am extremely partial to chocolate eclairs.

2491

## old-fashioned; past the prime

Her style is passe and reminiscent of the Victorian era.

2494

## one-sided; prejudiced; committed to a

On certain issues of conscience, she refused to take a partisan stand.

2493

## imitation of another's style in musical c

We cannot even say that her music is a pastiche of this or that composer; it is rather, reminiscent of many musicians.

2496

## not active; acted upon

Mahatma Gandhi urged his followers to pursue a program of passive resistance as he felt that it was more effective than violence and acts of terrorism.

2495



## open for the public to read; obvious

It was patent to everyone that the witness spoke the truth.

2498

## rural

In these stories of pastoral life, we find an understanding of the daily tasks of country folk.

2497

## pertaining to disease

As we study the pathological aspects of this disease, we must not overlook the psychological elements.

2500

## causing sadness, compassion, pity; tou

Everyone in the auditorium was weeping by the time he finished his pathetic tale about the orphaned boy.

2499

## green crust on old bronze works; tone s

Judging by the patina on this bronze statue, we can conclude that this is the work of a medieval artist.

2502

## tender to sorrow; pity; quality in art or

The quiet tone of pathos that ran through the novel never degenerated into the maudlin or the overly sentimental.

2501

## father and ruler of a family or tribe

In many primitive tribes, the leader and lawmaker was the patriarch.

2504

## local or provincial dialect

His years of study of the language at the university did not enable him to understand the patois of the natives.

2503

## support; act superior toward

Experts in a field sometimes appear to patronize people who are less knowledgeable of the subject.

2506

## noble; aristocratic

We greatly admired her well-bred, patrician elegance

2505

## very poor person

Though Widow Brown was living on a reduced income, she was by no means a pauper.

2508

## scarcity

They closed the restaurant because the paucity of customers made it uneconomical to operate.

2507

## pertaining to money

I never expected a pecuniary reward for my work in this activity.

2510

## slight offense

If we examine these escapades carefully, we will realize that they are mere peccadilloes rather than major crimes.

2509

## teaching; art of education

Though Maria Montessori gained fame for her innovations in pedagogy, it took years before her teaching techniques became common practice in American schools.

2512

## teacher

He could never be a stuffy pedagogue; his classes were always lively and filled with humor.

2511

## showing off learning; bookish

Leaving his decisions with humorous, down-to-earth anecdotes, Judge Walker was not at all pedantic legal scholar.

2514

## scholar who overemphasizes book learn

Her insistence that the book be memorized marked the teacher as a pedant rather than a scholar.

2513

## physician specializing in children's dis

The family doctor advised the parents to consult a pediatrician about their child's ailment.

2516

## ordinary; unimaginative

Unintentionally boring, he wrote page after page of pedestrian prose.

2515

## in confusion; disorderly

The excited students dashed pellmell into the stadium to celebrate the victory.

2518

## negative in connotation; having a belitt

Instead of criticizing Clinton's policies, the Republicans made pejorative remarks about his character.

2517

## self-imposed punishment for sin

The Ancient Mariner said, "I have penance done and penance more will do," to atone for the sin of killing the albatross.

2520

## transparent; limpid; easy to understand

After reading these stodgy philosophers, I find his pellucid style very enjoyable.

2519

## hanging down from something

Her pendant earrings glistened in the light.

2522

## strong inclination; liking

He had a strong penchant for sculpture and owned many statues.

2521

## hanging; suspended

The pendulous chandeliers swayed in the breeze as if they were about to fall from the ceiling.

2524

## ornament (hanging from a necklace, etc)

The grateful team presented the coach with a silver chain and pendant engraved with the school's motto.

2523

## dreamily thoughtful; thoughtful with a

The pensive youth gazed at the painting for a long time and then sighed.

2526

## repentant

When he realized the enormity of his crime, he became remorseful and penitent.

2525

## stingy; parsimonious

He was a penurious man, averse to spending money even for the necessities of life.

2528

## partial shadow (in an eclipse)

During an eclipse, we can see an area of total darkness and a lighter area, which is the penumbra.

2527

## landless agricultural worker; bond serv

The land reformers sought to liberate the peons and establish them as independent farmers.

2530

## extreme poverty

When his pension fund failed, George feared he would end his days in penury.

2529

## striking one object against another sha

The drum is a percussion instrument.

2532

## insightful; aware; wise

Although Maud was a generally perceptive critic, she had her blind spots: she could never see flaws in the work of her friends.

2531

## journey

Auntie Mame was a world traveler whose peregrinations took her from Tiajuana to Timbuctoo.

2534

## damnation; complete ruin

Praying for salvation, young Daedalus feared he was damned to eternal perdition.

2533

## something long-lasting

Tese plants are hardy perennials and will bloom for many years.

2536

## demanding and leaving no choice

From Jack's peremptory knock on the door, Jill could tell he would not give up until she let him in.

2535

## pierce; put a hole through

Before you can open the aspirin bottle, you must first perforate the plastic safety seal that covers the cap.

2538

## treacherous; disloyal

When Caesar realized that Brutus had betrayed him, he reproached his perfidious friend.

2537

## point of moon's orbit when it is nearest

The rocket which was designed to take photographs of the moon was launched as the moon approached its perigee.

2540

## superficial; not thorough; lacking inter

The auditor's perfunctory inspection of the books overlooked many errors.

2539

## walking about; moving

The peripatetic school of philosophy derives its name from the fact that Aristotle walked with his pupils while discussing philosophy with them.

2542

## outer boundary

To find the perimeter of any quadrilateral, we add the lengths of the four sides.

2541

## edge, especially of a round surface

He sensed that there was something just beyond the periphery of his vision.

2544

## marginal; outer

We lived, not in central London, but in one of those peripheral suburbs that spring up on the outskirts of the great city.

2543

**porous; allowing passage through**

Glass is permeable to light.

2546

**false testimony while under oath**

When several witnesses appeared to challenge his story, he was indicted for perjury.

2545

**conclusion of an oration**

The peroration was largely hortatory and brought the audience to its feet clamoring for action at its close.

2548

**very destructive, harmful**

He argued that these books had a pernicious effect on young and susceptible minds.

2547

**everlasting**

Ponce de Leon hoped to find perpetual youth.

2550

**commit an offense**

Only an insane person could perpetrate such a horrible crime.

2549

**attractive**

The man I am seeking to fill this position must be personable since he will be representing us before the public.

2552

**any gain above stipulated salary**

The perquisites attached to this job make it even more attractive than the salary indicates.

2551

**clearness of expression; freedom from**

One of the outstanding features of this book is the perspicuity of its author; her meaning is always clear.

2554

**having insight; penetrating; astute**

The brilliant lawyer was known for his perspicacious deductions.

2553

**impertinent; forward**

I think your pert and impudent remarks call for an apology.

2556

**plainly expressed**

Her perspicuous comments eliminated all possibility of misinterpretation.

2555

**suitable; to the point**

The lawyer wanted to know all the pertinent details.

2558

**stubborn; persistent**

He is bound to succeed because his pertinacious nature will not permit him to quit.

2557

**reading**

I am certain that you have missed important details in your rapid perusal of this document.

2560

**disturb greatly**

I am afraid this news will perturb him and cause him grief.

2559

**stubbornly wrongheaded; wicked and u**

When Hannibal Lecter was in a perverse mood, he ate the flesh of his victims.

2562

**spread throughout**

Despite airing them for several hours, she could not rid her clothes of the pervasive odor of mothballs that clung to them.

2561

**belief that life is basically bad or evil; §**

The good news we have been receiving lately indicates that there is little reason for your pessimism.

2564

**corruption; turning from right to wrong**

Inasmuch as he had no motive for his crimes, we could not understand his perversion.

2563

**tool for mashing or grinding substance;**

From the way in which the elderly pharmacist pounded the drug with his pestle, young George could tell that his employer was agitated about something.

2566

**causing plague; baneful**

People were afraid to explore the pestilential swap.

2565

**trivial; unimportant; very small**

She had no major complaints to make about his work, only a few petty quibbles that were almost too minor to state.

2568

**turn to stone**

His sudden and unexpected appearance seemed to petrify her.

2567

**pertaining to Pharisees, who paid scrup**

Walter Lippmann has pointed out that moralists who do not attempt to explain the moral code they advocate are often regarded as pharisaical and ignored.

2570

**touchy; peevish**

The feverish patient was petulant and restless.

2569

**faithless lover; flirt**

Swearing he had never so much as looked at another woman, Jack assured Jill he was no philanderer.

2572

**observable facts; subjects of scientific**

We kept careful records of the phenomena we noted in the course of these experiments.

2571

**stamp-collector**

When she heard the value of the Penny Black stamp, Phyllis was inspired to become a philatelist.

2574

**lover of mankind; doer of good**

As he grew older, he became famous as a philanthropist and benefactor of the needy.

2573

**study of language**

The professor of philology advocated the use of Esperanto as an international language.

2576

**narrow-minded person, uncultured and**

We need more men of culture and enlightenment; we have too many philistines among us.

2575

**morbid fear**

Her fear of flying was more than mere nervousness; it was a real phobia.

2578

**calm; not easily disturbed**

The nurse was a cheerful but phlegmatic person, unexcited in the face of sudden emergencies.

2577

**pertaining to the science of the function**

To understand this disease fully, we must examine not only its physiological aspects but also its psychological elements.

2580

**face**

He prided himself on his ability to analyze a person's character by studying his physiognomy.

2579

**variegated; multicolored**

The pied piper of Hamelin got his name from the multicolored clothing he wore.

2582

**of different colors; motled; spotted**

You should be able to identify Polka Dot in this race; he is the only piebald horse running.

2581

**coloring matter**

Van Gogh mixed various pigments with linseed oil to create his paints.

2584

**devoutness; reverence for God**

Living her life in prayer and good works, Mother Teresa exemplifies the true spirit of piety.

2583

**punish by placing in a wooden frame; s**

Even though he was mocked and pilloried, he maintained that he was correct in his beliefs.

2586

**plunder**

The enemy pillaged the quiet village and left it in ruins.

2585

**restrain**

They pinioned his arms against his body but left his legs free so that he could move about.

2588

**languish, decline; long for, yearn**

Though she tried to be happy living with Clara in the city, Heidi pined for the mountains and for her gruff but loving grandfather.

2587

**devout**

The pious parents gave their children a religious upbringing.

2590

**peak**

We could see the morning sunlight illuminate the pinnacle while the rest of the mountain lay in shadow.

2589

**irritation; resentment**

She showed her pique by her refusal to appear with the other contestants at the end of the contest.

2592

**pleasantly tart-tasting; stimulating**

The piquant sauce added to our enjoyment of the meal.

2591



**concise; meaty**

I enjoy reading his essays because they are always compact and pithy.

2594

**pertaining to fishing**

He spent many happy hours at the lake in his piscatorial activities.

2593

**central; critical**

De Klerk's decision to set Nelson Mandela free was pivotal; without Mandela's release, there was no possibility that the African National Congress would entertain talks with the South African government.

2596

**a small allowance or wage**

He could not live on the pittance he received as a pension and had to look for an additional source of revenue.

2595

**harmless substance prescribed as a drug**

In a controlled experiment, fifty volunteers were given erythromycin tablets; the control group received only placebos.

2598

**pacify; conciliate**

The teacher tried to placate the angry mother.

2597

**steal another's ideas and pass them off**

The editor could tell that the writer had plagiarized parts of the article; he could recognize whole paragraphs from the original source.

2600

**peaceful; calm**

After his vacation in this placid section, he felt soothed and rested.

2599

**ability to be molded**

When clay dries out, it loses its plasticity and becomes less malleable.

2602

**mournful**

The dove has a plaintive and melancholy call

2601

**purely spiritual; theoretical; without sex**

Accused of impropriety in his dealings with female students, the professor maintained he had only a platonic interest in the women involved.

2604

**trite remark; commonplace statement**

The platitudes in his speech were applauded by the vast majority in his audience; only a few people perceived how trite his remarks were.

2603

## having a show of truth but open to doubt

Even though your argument is plausible, I still would like to have more proof.

2606

## approving; applauding

The theatrical company reprinted the plauditory comments of the critics in its advertisement.

2605

## complete; full

The union leader was given plenary power to negotiate a new contract with the employers.

2608

## common; pertaining to the common people

His speeches were aimed at the plebeian minds and emotions; they disgusted the more refined.

2607

## excess; overabundance

She offered a plethora of excuses for her shortcomings.

2610

## abundance; completeness

Looking in the pantry, we admired the plenitude of fruits and pickles we had preserved during the summer.

2609

## flexible; easily influenced

Catherine's disposition was pliant; she was like putty in her suitor's hands.

2612

## flexible; yielding; adaptable

In remodeling the bathroom, we replaced all the old, rigid lead pipes with new, pliable copper tubing.

2611

## vertical

Before hanging wallpaper it is advisable to drop a plumb line from the ceiling as a guide.

2614

## courage

Even the adversaries of young Indiana Jones were impressed by the boy's pluck in trying to rescue the archeological treasure they had stolen.

2613

## society ruled by the wealthy

From the way the government caters to the rich, you might think our society is a plutocracy rather than a democracy.

2616

## fall sharply

Stock prices plummeted as Wall Street reacted to the rise in interest rates.

2615

**pedestal; raised platform**

The audience applauded as the conductor made his way to the podium.

2618

**doctor who treats ailments of the feet**

He consulted a podiatrist about his fallen arches.

2617

**split into opposite extremes or camps**

The abortion issue has polarized the country into pro-choice and anti-abortion camps.

2620

**quality of being deeply moving; keenly**

Watching the tearful reunion of the long-separated mother and child, the social worker was touched by the poignancy of the scene.

2619

**expedient; prudent; well devised**

Even though he was disappointed, he did not think it politic to refuse the offer.

2622

**controversy; argument in support of po**

Her essays were, for the main part, polemics for the party's policy.

2621

**one who has more than one spouse at a**

He was arrested as a polygamist when his two wives filed complaints about him.

2624

**form of government of nation or state**

Our polity should be devoted to the concept that the government should strive for the good of all citizens.

2623

**self-important behavior; acting like a s**

Although the commencement speaker had some good things to say, we had to laugh at his pomposity and general air of parading his own dignity.

2626

**speaking several languages**

New York City is a polyglot community because of the thousands of immigrants who settle there.

2625

**pertaining to a bishop or pope; pompou**

From the very beginning of his ministry it was clear from his pontifical pronouncements that John was destined for a high pontifical office.

2628

**weighty; unwieldy**

His humor lacked the light touch; his jokes were always ponderous.

2627

full of pores; like a sieve

Dancers like to wear porous clothing because it allows the ready passage of water and air.

2630

study industriously; ponder; scrutinize

Determined to become a physician, Beth spends hours poring over her anatomy text.

2629

sign; omen; forewarning

He regarded the black cloud as a portent of evil.

2632

foretell; presage

The king did not know what these omens might portend and asked his soothsayers to interpret them.

2631

person who pretends to be sophisticated

Some thought Dali was a brilliant painter; others dismissed him as a poseur.

2634

stout; corpulent

The salesclerk tactfully referred to the overweight customer as portly rather than fat.

2633

after death (as of child born after father)

The critics ignored his works during his lifetime; it was only after the posthumous publication of his last novel that they recognized his great talent.

2636

descendants; future generations

We hope to leave a better world to posterity.

2635

assume an affected pose; act artificially

No matter how much Arnold boasted or postured, I could not believe he was as important as he pretended to be.

2638

self-evident truth

We must accept these statements as postulates before pursuing our discussions any further.

2637

powerful; persuasive; greatly influential

The jury was swayed by the highly potent testimony of the crime's sole eyewitness.

2640

suitable for drinking

The recent drought in the Middle Atlantic States has emphasized the need for extensive research in ways of making sea water potable.

2639

**expressing possibility; latent**

The juvenile delinquent is a potential murderer.

2642

**monarch; sovereign**

The potentate spent more time at Monte Carlo than he did at home on his throne.

2641

**heterogeneous mixture; medley**

He offered a potpourri of folk songs from many lands.

2644

**dose (of liquid)**

Tristan and Lsolde drink a love potion in the first act of the opera.

2643

**feasible**

The board of directors decided that the plan was practicable and agreed to undertake the project.

2646

**soothing application applied to sore an**

He was advised to apply a flaxseed poultice to the inflammation.

2645

**practical (as opposed to idealistic); con**

This coming trip to France should provide me with a pragmatic test of the value of my conversational French class.

2648

**based on experience; useful**

He was a practical man, opposed to theory

2647

**speak foolishly; boast idly**

Let us not prate about our qualities; rather, let our virtues speak for themselves.

2650

**practical person**

No pragmatist enjoys becoming involved in a game that he can never win

2649

**introductory statement**

In the preamble to the Constitution, the purpose of the document is set forth.

2652

**babble**

The children prattle endlessly about their new toys.

2651

## something preceding in time that may l

This decision sets a precedent for future cases of a similar nature.

2654

## uncertain; risky

I think this stock is a precarious investment and advise against its purchase.

2653

## practical rule guiding conduct

"Love thy neighbor as thyself" is a worthwhile precept.

2656

## preceding in time, rank, etc.

Our discussions, precedent to this event, certainly did not give you any reason to believe that we would adopt your proposal.

2655

## headlong; rash

Do not be precipitate in this matter; investigate further.

2658

## cliff; dangerous position

Suddenly Indiana Jones found himself dangling from the edge of a precipice.

2657

## steep; overhasty

This hill is difficult to climb because it is so precipitous; one slip, and our descent will be precipitous as well.

2660

## throw headlong; hasten

The removal of American political support appeared to have precipitated the downfall of the Marcos regime.

2659

## make impossible; eliminate

This contract does not preclude my being employed by others at the same time that I am working for you.

2662

## exact

If you don't give me precise directions and a map, I'll never find your place.

2661

## forerunner

Though Gray and Burns share many traits with the Romantic poets who followed them, most critics consider them precursors of the Romantic Movement, not true Romantics.

2664

## advanced in development

By her rather adult manner of discussing serious topics, the child demonstrated that she was precocious.

2663

## former occupant of a post

I hope I can live up to the fine example set by my late predecessor in this office.

2666

## plundering

The hawk is a predatory bird.

2665

## outstanding; superior

The king traveled to Boston because he wanted the preeminent surgeon in the field to perform the operation.

2668

## partiality; preference

Although the artist used various media from time to time, she had a predilection for watercolors.

2667

## make oneself tidy in appearance; feel self-conscious

As Kitty preened before the mirror, carefully smoothing her shining hair, she couldn't help preening herself on her good looks.

2670

## head off; forestall by acting first; appropriate

Hoping to preempt any attempts by the opposition to make educational reform a hot political issue, the candidate set out her own plan to revitalize the public schools.

2669

## capable of grasping or holding

Monkeys use not only their arms and legs but also their prehensile tails in traveling through the trees.

2672

## introductory

The chairman made a few prefatory remarks before he called on the first speaker.

2671

## introduction; forerunner

I am afraid that this border raid is the prelude to more serious attacks.

2674

## church dignitary

The archbishop of Moscow and other high-ranking prelates visited the Russian Orthodox seminary.

2673

## assumption; postulate

Because Jack had based his argument upon a faulty premise, his opponent cheerfully pointed out the holes in his logic.

2676

## plan in advance

She had premeditated the murder for months, reading about common poisons and buying weed killer that contained arsenic.

2675

## servicing to warn

You should have visited a doctor as soon as you felt these premonitory chest pains.

2678

## forewarning

We ignored these premonitions of disaster because they appeared to be based on childish fears.

2677

## absurd; ridiculous

When the candidate tried to downplay his youthful experiments with marijuana by saying he hadn't inhaled, we all thought, "What a preposterous excuse!"

2680

## superiority of power, quantity, etc.

The rebels sought to overcome the preponderance of strength of the government forces by engaging in guerrilla tactics.

2679

## foretell

The vultures flying overhead presaged the discovery of the corpse in the desert.

2682

## privilege; unquestionable right

The President cannot levy taxes; that is the prerogative of the legislative branch of government.

2681

## premonition; foreboding

Hamlet felt a presentiment about his meeting with Laertes.

2684

## ability to foretell the future

Given the current wave of Japan-bashing, it does not take prescience for me to foresee problems in our future trade relations with Japan.

2683

## arrogant; taking liberties

It seems presumptuous for one so relatively new to the field to challenge the conclusions of its leading experts.

2686

## impression produced by achievements

The wealthy man sought to obtain social prestige by contributing to popular charities.

2685

## beyond that which is normal in nature

John's mother's total ability to tell when he was lying struck him as almost preternatural.

2688

## ostentatious; ambitious

I do not feel that your limited resources will permit you to carry out such a pretentious program.

2687



## induce; triumph over

He tried to prevail on her to type his essays for him.

2690

## excuse

He looked for a good pretext to get out of paying a visit to his aunt.

2689

## lie

Some people believe that to prevaricate in a good cause is justifiable and regard the statement as a "white lie."

2692

## widespread; generally accepted

A radical committed to social change, Reed had no patience with the conservative views prevalent in the America of his day.

2691

## very precise and formal; exceedingly precise

Many people commented on the contrast between the prim attire of the young lady and the inappropriate clothing worn by her escort.

2694

## target of a hunt; victim

In *Stalking the Wild Asparagus*, Euell Gibbons has as his prey not wild beasts but wild plants.

2693

## existing at the beginning (of time); rudimentary

The Neanderthal Man is one of our primordial ancestors.

2696

## seniority by birth

By virtue of primogeniture, in some cultures the first-born child has many privileges denied his brothers and sisters.

2695

## characteristic of earlier times; primitive

This area has been preserved in all its pristine wildness.

2698

## dress or groom oneself with care

She primps for hours before a dance.

2697

## secret; hidden; not public

We do not care for privy chamber of government.

2700

## hardship; want

In his youth, he knew hunger and privation.

2699

## uprightness; incorruptibility

Everyone took his probity for granted; his defalcations, therefore, shocked us all.

2702

## explore with tools

The surgeon probed the wound for foreign matter before suturing it.

2701

## inclination; natural tendency

The cross old lady has a proclivity to grumble.

2704

## perplexing; unsettled: questionable

Given the many areas of conflict still awaiting resolution, the outcome of the peace talks remains problematic.

2703

## obtaining

The personnel department handles the procurement of new employees.

2706

## postpone; delay

It is wise not to procrastinate; otherwise, we find ourselves bogged down in a mass of work that should have been finished long ago.

2705

## wasteful; reckless with money

The prodigal son squandered his inheritance.

2708

## poke; stir up; urge

If you prod him hard enough, he'll eventually clean his room.

2707

## highly gifted child; marvel

Menuhin was a prodigy, performing wonders on his violin when he was barely eight years old.

2710

## enormous; marvelous

He marveled at her prodigious appetite when he saw all the food she ate.

2709

## dissipated; wasteful; licentious

In this profligate company, she lost all sense of decency.

2712

## violate; desecrate

Tourists are urged not to profane the sanctity of holy places by wearing improper garb.

2711

**lavish expenditure; overabundant cond**

Seldom have I seen food and drink served in such profusion as at the wedding feast.

2714

**deep; not superficial; complete**

Freud's remarkable insights into human behavior caused his fellow scientists to honor him as a profound thinker.

2713

**children; offspring**

He was proud of his progeny but regarded George as the most promising of all his children.

2716

**ancestor**

The Roth family, whose progenitors emigrated from Germany early in the nineteenth century, settled in Peru, Illinois.

2715

**predict**

I prognosticate disaster unless we change our wasteful ways.

2718

**forecasted course of a disease; predicti**

If the doctor's prognosis is correct, the patient will be in a coma for at least twenty-four hours.

2717

**member of the working class**

The aristocrats feared mob rule and gave the right to vote only to the wealthy, thus denying the proletarians of a voice in government.

2720

**missile**

Man has always hurled projectiles at his enemy whether in the form of stones or of highly explosive shells.

2719

**abundantly fruitful**

She was a prolific writer who produced as many as three books a year.

2722

**grow rapidly; spread; multiply**

Times of economic hardship inevitably encourage countless get-rich-quick schemes to proliferate

2721

**extend; draw out; lengthen**

In their determination to discover ways to prolong human life, doctors fail to take into account that longer lives are not always happier ones.

2724

**verbose; drawn out**

Her prolix arguments irritated and bored the jury.

2723

**mixed indiscriminately; haphazard; irr**

In the opera La Boheme, we get a picture of the promiscuous life led by the young artists of Paris.

2726

**conspicuous; notable; protruding**

Have you ever noticed that Prince Charles's prominent ears make him resemble the big-eared character in Mad comics?

2725

**cause; provoke; provide a cue for an ac**

Whatever prompted you to ask for such a big piece of cake when you're on a diet?

2728

**headland**

They erected a lighthouse on the promontory to warn approaching ships of their nearness to the shore.

2727

**inclined to; prostrate**

She was prone to sudden fits of anger.

2730

**make known by official proclamation c**

As soon as the Civil Service Commission promulgates the names of the successful candidates, we shall begin to hire members of our staff.

2729

**substance that propels or drives forward**

The development of our missile program has forced our scientists to seek more powerful propellants.

2732

**multiply; spread**

Since bacteria propagate more quickly in unsanitary environments, it is important to keep hospital rooms clean.

2731

**having to do with predicting the future**

In interpreting Pharaoh's prophetic dream, Joseph said that the seven fat cows eaten by the seven lean cows represented seven years of plenty followed by seven years of famine.

2734

**natural inclination**

Convinced of his own talent, Sol has an unfortunate propensity to belittle the talents of others.

2733

**nearness; kinship**

Their relationship could not be explained as being based on mere propinquity: they were more than relatives; they were true friends.

2736

**used to prevent disease**

Despite all prophylactic measures introduced by the authorities, the epidemic raged until cool weather set in.

2735

## favorable; kindly

I think it is advisable that we wait for a more propitious occasion to announce our plans; this is not a good time.

2738

## appease

The natives offered sacrifices to propitiate the gods.

2737

## put forth for analysis

In your discussion, you have propounded several questions; let us consider each one separately.

2740

## person who supports or proposes (an ic

After the bill had been amended and re-amended in committee, even its original proponents didn't want to vote in its favor.

2739

## driving forward

The jet plane has a greater propulsive power than the engine-driven plane.

2742

## fitness; correct conduct

I want you to behave at this dinner with propriety; don't embarrass me.

2741

## part of stage in front of curtain

In the theater-in-the-round there can be no proscenium or proscenium arch.

2744

## dull and unimaginative; matter-of-fact;

Though the ad writers had come up with a highly creative campaign to publicize the company's newest product, the head office rejected it for a more prosaic, down-to-earth approach.

2743

## induce someone to convert to religion (

In these interfaith meetings, there must be no attempt to proselytize; we must respect all points of view.

2746

## ostracize; banish; outlaw

Antony, Octavius and Lepidus proscribed all those who had conspired against Julius Caesar.

2745

## good fortune; financial success; physic

Promising to stay together "for richer, for poorer," the newlyweds vowed to be true to one another in prosperity and hardship alike.

2748

## the art of versification

This book on prosody contains a rhyming dictionary as well as samples of the various verse forms.

2747

**versatile; able to take on many forms**

A remarkably protean actor, Alec Guinness could take on any role.

2750

**stretch out full on ground**

He prostrated himself before the idol.

2749

**original work used as a model by other**

The crude typewriter on display in this museum is the prototype of the elaborate machines in use today.

2752

**diplomatic etiquette**

We must run this state dinner according to protocol if we are to avoid offending any of our guests.

2751

**stick out**

His fingers protruded from the holes in his gloves.

2754

**prolong**

Seeking to delay the union members' vote, the management team tried to protract the negotiations endlessly, but the union representatives saw through their strategy.

2753

**origin or source of something**

I am not interested in its provenance; I am more concerned with its usefulness than with its source.

2756

**protrusion; bulge**

A ganglionic cyst is a fluid-filled tumor (generally benign) that develops near a joint membrane or tendon sheath, and that bulges beneath the skin, forming a protuberance.

2755

**displaying foresight; thrifty; preparing**

In his usual provident manner, he had insured himself against this type of loss.

2758

**dry food; fodder**

I am afraid of a severe winter because I have stored a large quantity of provender for the cattle.

2757

**tentative**

The appointment is provisional; only on the approval of the board of directors will it be made permanent.

2760

**pertaining to a province; limited in out**

As provincial governor, Sir Henry administered the Queen's law in his remote corner of Canada.

2759

## stir up anger; cause retaliation

In order to prevent a sudden outbreak of hostilities, we must not provoke our foe.

2762

## stipulation

I am ready to accept your proposal with the two proviso that you meet your obligations within the next two weeks.

2761

## authorized agent

Please act as my proxy and vote for this slate of candidates in my absence.

2764

## nearness

The deer sensed the hunter's proximity and bounded away.

2763

## cautious; careful

A miser hoards money not because he is prudent but because he is greedy.

2766

## excessively modest or proper person

The X-rated film was definitely not for prudes.

2765

## pen name

Samuel Clemens' pseudonym was Mark Twain.

2768

## cut away; trim

With the help of her editor, she was able to prune her manuscript into publishable form.

2767

## pertaining to mental derangement

The psychopathic patient suffers more frequently from a disorder of the nervous system than from a diseased brain.

2770

## a doctor who treats mental diseases

A psychiatrist often needs long conferences with his patient before a diagnosis can be made.

2769

## extinct flying reptile

The remains of pterodactyls indicate that these flying reptiles had a wingspan of as much as twenty feet.

2772

## mental disorder

We must endeavor to find an outlet for the patient's repressed desires if we hope to combat this psychosis.

2771

## boxer

The famous pugilist Cassius Clay changed his name to Muhammed Ali.

2774

## childish

His puerile pranks sometimes offended his more mature friends.

2773

## powerful; strong; potent

We must keep his friendship for he will make a puissant ally.

2776

## combative; disposed to fight

As a child he was pugnacious and fought with everyone.

2775

## pertaining to the lungs

In his researches on pulmonary diseases, he discovered many facts about the lungs of animals and human beings.

2778

## beauty; comeliness

I do not envy the judges who have to select this year's Miss America from this collection of female pulchritude.

2777

## crush or grind into very small particles

Before sprinkling the dried herbs into the stew, Michael first pulverized them into a fine powder.

2780

## throb

We could see the blood vessels in his temple pulsate as he became more angry.

2779

## laying stress on niceties of conduct or f

We must be punctilious in our planning of this affair, for any error may be regarded as a personal affront.

2782

## beat

The severity with which he was pummeled was indicated by the bruises he displayed on his head and face.

2781

## sharpness; stinging quality

The pungency of the cigarette smoke made me cough.

2784

## learned Hindu; any learned person; aut

Even though he discourses on the matter like a pundit, he is actually rather ignorant about this topic.

2783



**insignificant; tiny; weak**

Our puny efforts to stop the flood were futile.

2786

**punishing**

He asked for punitive measures against the offender.

2785

**place of spiritual expiation**

In this purgatory, he could expect no help from his comrades.

2788

**firm grasp or footing**

The mountaineer struggled to get a proper purchase on the slippery rock.

2787

**intention; meaning**

If the purport of your speech was to arouse the rabble, you succeeded admirably.

2790

**clean by removing impurities; clear of**

If you are to be purged of the charge of contempt of Congress, you must be willing to answer the questions previously asked.

2789

**cowardly; fainthearted**

You should be ashamed of your pusillanimous conduct during this dispute.

2792

**furnisher of foodstuffs; caterer**

As purveyor of rare wines and viands, he traveled through France and Italy every year in search of new products to sell.

2791

**foul; rotten; decayed**

The gangrenous condition of the wound was indicated by the putrid smell when the bandages were removed.

2794

**supposed; reputed**

Although there are some doubts, the putative author of this work is Massinger.

2793

**heap of combustible material, esp. for l**

The mortician put pyre on the corpse before burning a corpse.

2796

**person with an insane desire to set thin**

The detectives searched the area for the pyromaniac who had set these costly fires.

2795

**extremely high (of prices etc.)**

The super computer's price was prohibitive.

2798

**troublesome or annoying person**

He was a pest; always bothering people.

2797

**four-footed animal**

Most mammals are quadrupeds.

2800

**charlatan; impostor**

Do not be misled by the exorbitant claims of this quack; he cannot cure you.

2799

**soft, wet, boggy land; complex or dang**

Up to her knees in mud, Myra wondered how on earth she was going to extricate herself from this quagmire.

2802

**drink with relish**

As we quaffed our ale, we listened to the gay songs of the students in the tavern.

2801

**odd; old-fashioned; picturesque**

Her quaint clothes and old-fashioned language marked her as an eccentric.

2804

**cower; lose heart**

He was afraid that he would quail in the face of danger.

2803

**misgivings**

His qualms of conscience had become so great that he decided to abandon his plans.

2806

**limited; restricted**

Unable to give the candidate full support, the mayor gave him only a qualified endorsement.

2805

**isolation of a person, place, or ship to p**

We will have to place this house under quarantine until we determine the nature of the disease.

2808

**dilemma**

When the two colleges to which he had applied accepted him, he was in a quandary as to which one he should attend.

2807

**dig into**

They quarried blocks of marble out of the hillside.

2810

**victim; object of a hunt**

The police closed in on their quarry.

2809

**dock; landing place**

Because of the captain's carelessness, the ship crashed into the quay.

2812

**subdue; crush; squash**

The authorities acted quickly to quash the student rebellion, sending in tanks to cow the demonstrators.

2811

**put down; quiet**

The police used fire hoses and tear gas to quell the rioters.

2814

**easily nauseated; squeamish**

As the ship left the harbor, he became queasy and thought that he was going to suffer from seasickness.

2813

**line**

They stood patiently in the queue outside the movie theatre.

2816

**fretful; whining**

His classmates were repelled by his querulous and complaining statements.

2815

**at rest; dormant**

After this geyser erupts, it will remain quiescent for twenty-four hours.

2818

**equivocate; play on words**

Do not quibble; I want a straightforward and definite answer.

2817

**purest and highest embodiment**

Noel Coward displayed the quintessence of wit.

2820

**tranquillity**

He was impressed by the air of quietude and peace that pervaded the valley.

2819

## startling twist; caprice

By a quirk of fate, he found himself working for the man whom he had discharged years before.

2822

## taunt

You are unpopular because you are too free with your quips and sarcastic comments.

2821

## case for arrows

Robin Hood reached back and plucked one last arrow from his quiver.

2824

## traitor who aids invaders

In his conquest of Europe, Hitler was aided by the quislings who betrayed their own people and served in the puppet governments established by the Nazis.

2823

## bantering; comical; humorously serious

Will Rogers' quizzical remarks endeared him to his audiences.

2826

## idealistic but impractical

His head is in the clouds; he is constantly presenting these quixotic schemes.

2825

## daily; commonplace; customary

To Philip, each new day of his internship was filled with excitement; he could not dismiss his rounds as merely quotidian routine.

2828

## number of members necessary to conduct

The senator asked for a roll call to determine whether a quorum was present.

2827

## story-teller

My father was a gifted raconteur with an unlimited supply of anecdotes.

2830

## like a fanatic; furious

He was a rabid follower of the Dodgers and watched them play whenever he could go to the ball park.

2829

## scold; rant

You may rail at him all you want; you will never change him.

2832

## person wearing tattered clothes

He felt sorry for the ragamuffin who was begging for food and gave him money to buy a meal.

2831

## stylish; sporty

He wore his hat at a rakish and jaunty angle.

2834

## clothing

"How can I go to the ball?" asked Cinderella. "I have no raiment fit to wear."

2833

## branching out; subdivision

We must examine all the ramifications of this problem.

2836

## wander aimlessly (physically or mental

Listening to the teacher ramble, Judy wondered whether he'd ever get to his point.

2835

## slope; inclined plane

The house was built with ramps instead of stairs in order to enable the man in the wheelchair to move easily from room to room and floor to floor.

2838

## divide into branches or subdivisions

When the plant begins to ramify, it is advisable to nip off most of the new branches.

2837

## defensive mound on earth

"From the ramparts we watched" as the fighting continued.

2840

## rearing up on hind legs; unrestrained

The rampant weeds in the garden killed all the flowers that had been planted in the spring.

2839

## having the odor of stale fat

A rancid odor filled the ship's galley and nauseated the crew.

2842

## rickety; falling apart

The boys propped up the ramshackle clubhouse with a couple of boards.

2841

## without definite purpose, plan, or aim;

Although the sponsor of the raffle claimed all winners were chosen at random, people had their suspicions when the grand prize went to the sponsor's brother-in-law.

2844

## bitterness; hatred

Let us forget our rancor and cooperate in this new endeavor.

2843

**rave; speak bombastically**

As we heard him rant on the platform, we could not understand his strange popularity with many people.

2846

**irritate; fester**

The memory of having been jilted rankled him for years.

2845

**emotional closeness; harmony**

In team teaching, it is important that all teachers in the group have good rapport with one another.

2848

**excessively grasping; plundering**

Hawks and other rapacious birds prey on variety of small animals.

2847

**grating; harsh**

The sergeant's raspy voice grated on the recruits' ears.

2850

**made less dense [of a gas]**

The mountain climbers had difficulty breathing in the rarefied atmosphere.

2849

**reasoning; act of drawing conclusions ↓**

While Watson was a man of average intelligence, Holmes was a genius, whose gift for ratiocination made him a superb detective.

2852

**approve formally; verify**

Before the treaty could go into effect, it had to be ratified by the president.

2851

**reason; justify an improper act**

Do not try to rationalize your behavior by blaming your companions.

2854

**bringing into conformity with reason**

All attempts at rationalization at this time are doomed to failure; tempers and emotions run too high for intelligent thought to prevail.

2853

**plunder; despoil**

The marauding army ravaged the countryside.

2856

**harsh and shrill**

His raucous laughter irritated me and grated on my ears.

2855

**fall apart into tangles; unravel or untwi**

A single thread pulled loose, and the entire scarf started to unravel.

2858

**overwhelmingly favorable review**

Though critic John Simon seldom has a good word to say about contemporary plays, his review of *All in the Timing* was a total rave.

2857

**narrow valley with steep sides**

Steeper than a gully, less precipitous than a canyon, a ravine is, like them, the product of years of erosion.

2860

**extremely hungry**

Theavenous dog upset several garbage pails in its search for food.

2859

**recoiling from progress; retrograde**

His program was reactionary since it sought to abolish many of the social reforms instituted by the previous administration.

2862

**destroy completely**

The owners intend to raze the hotel and erect an office building on the site.

2861

**one who harvests grain**

Death, the Grim Reaper, cuts down men and women, just as a farmer cuts down the ripened grain.

2864

**kingdom; sphere**

The realm of possibilities for the new invention was endless.

2863

**snub; beat back**

She rebuffed his invitation so smoothly that he did not realize he had been snubbed.

2866

**discount**

We offer a rebate of ten percent to those who pay cash.

2865

**refutation; response with contrary evidence**

The defense lawyer confidently listened to the prosecutor sum up his case, sure that she could answer his arguments in her rebuttal.

2868

**puzzle in which pictures stand for words**

A coven of witches beside a tree is a possible rebus for the town Coventry.

2867

## repudiate; withdraw previous statement

Unless you recant your confession, you will be punished severely.

2870

## obstinately stubborn

Donkeys are reputed to be the most recalcitrant of animals.

2869

## quick or willing to receive ideas, suggest

Adventure-loving Huck Finn proved a receptive audience for Tom's tales of buried treasure and piracy.

2872

## summarize

Let us recapitulate what has been said thus far before going ahead.

2871

## habitual return to crime

Prison reformers in the United States are disturbed by the high rate of recidivism; the number of persons serving second and third terms indicates the failure of the prisons to rehabilitate the inmates.

2874

## withdrawal; retreat; time of low economic activity

The slow recession of the flood waters created problems for the crews working to restore power to the area.

2873

## mutual; exchangeable; interacting

The two nations signed a reciprocal trade agreement.

2876

## receiver

Although he had been the recipient of many favors, he was not grateful to his benefactor.

2875

## hermit

The recluse lived in a hut in the forest.

2878

## repay in kind

If they attack us, we shall be compelled to reciprocate and bomb their territory.

2877

## abstruse; profound; secret

He read many recondite books in order to obtain the material for the scholarly thesis.

2880

## correct inconsistencies; become friendly

Every time we try to reconcile our checkbook with the bank statement, we quarrel. However, despite these monthly lovers' quarrels, we always manage to reconcile.

2879



## narrate or tell; count over again

About to recount the latest adventure of Sherlock Holmes, Watson lost track of exactly how many cases Holmes had solved and refused to begin his tale until he'd recounted them one by one.

2882

## survey of enemy by soldiers; reconnoit

If you encounter any enemy soldiers during your reconnaissance, capture them for questioning.

2881

## countercharges

Loud and angry recriminations were her answer to his accusations.

2884

## resorting to help when in trouble

The boy's only recourse was to appeal to his father for aid.

2883

## uprightness

He was renowned for his rectitude and integrity.

2886

## correct

I want to rectify my error before it is too late.

2885

## recover

The doctors were worried because the patient did not recuperate as rapidly as they had expected.

2888

## reclining; lying down completely or in

The command "AT EASE" does not permit you to take a recumbent position.

2887

## fragrant; odorous; suggestive of an odor

Even though it is February, the air is redolent of spring.

2890

## occurring again and again

These recurrent attacks disturbed us and we consulted a physician.

2889

## remedy; compensation

Do you mean to tell me that I can get no redress for my injuries?

2892

## formidable; causing fear

During the Cold War period, neighboring countries tried not to offend the Russians because they could be redoubtable foes.

2891

## emit (odor)

The room reeked with stale tobacco smoke.

2894

## superfluous; excessively wordy; repetit

Your composition is redundant; you can easily reduce its length.

2893

## bending of a ray of light

When you look at a stick inserted in water, it looks bent because of the refraction of the light by the water.

2896

## dining hall

In this huge refectory, we can feed the entire student body at one sitting.

2895

## v. abstain from; resist n. chorus

Whenever he heard a song with a lively chorus, Sol could never refrain from joining in on the refrain.

2898

## stubborn; unmanageable

The refractory horse was eliminated from the race when he refused to obey the jockey.

2897

## disprove

The defense called several respectable witnesses who were able to refute the false testimony of the prosecution's only witness.

2900

## renovate; make bright by polishing

The flood left a deposit of mud on everything; it was necessary to refurbish our belongings.

2899

## entertain

John regaled us with tales of his adventures in Africa.

2902

## royal

Prince Albert had a regal manner.

2901

## spiritual rebirth

Modern penologists strive for the regeneration of the prisoners.

2904

## boat or yacht race

Many boating enthusiasts followed the regatta in their own yachts.

2903

## method or system of government

When a Frenchman mentions the Old Regime, he refers to the government existing before the revolution.

2906

## murder of a king or queen

The beheading of Mary Queen of Scots was an act of regicide.

2905

## restore to proper condition

We must rehabilitate those whom we send to prison.

2908

## prescribed diet and habits

I doubt whether the results warrant our living under such a strict regimen.

2907

## repeat

He reiterated the warning to make sure everyone understood it.

2910

## repay

Let me know what you have spent and I will reimburse you.

2909

## make young again

The charlatan claimed that his elixir would rejuvenate the aged and weary.

2912

## retort; comeback; reply

When someone has been rude to me, I find it particularly satisfying to come up with a quick rejoinder.

2911

## give in

When her stern father would not relent and allow her to marry Robert Browning, Elizabeth Barrett eloped with her suitor.

2914

## banish; consign to inferior position

If we relegate these experts to minor posts because of their political persuasions, we shall lose their valuable services.

2913

## surviving remnant; memento

Egypt's Department of Antiquities prohibits tourists from taking mummies and other ancient relics out of the country.

2916

## pertinent; referring to the case in hand

Teri was impressed by how relevant Virginia Woolf's remarks were to her as a woman writer; it was as if Woolf had been writing with Teri's situation in mind.

2915

**savor; enjoy**

I relish a good joke as much as anyone else.

2918

**abandon**

I will relinquish my claims to this property if you promise to retain my employees.

2917

**recollection**

Her reminiscences of her experiences are so fascinating that she ought to write a book.

2920

**reparable**

Let us be grateful that the damage is remediable.

2919

**temporary moderation of disease symptoms**

Though Senator Tsongas had been treated for cancer, his symptoms were in remission, and he was considered fit to handle the strains of a Presidential race.

2922

**negligent**

He was accused of being remiss in his duty when the prisoner escaped.

2921

**protest; objection**

The authorities were deaf to the pastor's remonstrances about the lack of police protection in the area.

2924

**remainder**

I suggest that you wait until the store places the remnants of these goods on sale.

2923

**compensating; rewarding**

I find my new work so remunerative that I may not return to my previous employment.

2926

**guilt; self-reproach**

The murderer felt no remorse for his crime.

2925

**deliver; provide; represent**

He rendered aid to the needy and indigent.

2928

**split; tear apart**

In his grief, he tried to rend his garments.

2927

**translation; artistic interpretation of a s**

The audience cheered enthusiastically as she completed her rendition of the aria.

2930

**meeting place**

The two fleets met at the rendezvous at the appointed time.

2929

**deny; go back on**

He reneged on paying off his debt.

2932

**deserter; traitor**

Because he had abandoned his post and joined forces with the Indians, his fellow officers considered the hero of Dances with Wolves a renegade.

2931

**restore to good condition; renew**

They claim that they can renovate worn shoes so that they look like new ones.

2934

**abandon; disown; repudiate**

Even though she knew she would be burned at the stake as a witch, Joan of Arc refused to renounce her belief that her voices came from God.

2933

**tear or rip; split**

The conflict over abortion threatens to split our nation, creating a rent in the social fabric that will be difficult to mend.

2936

**fame**

For many years an unheralded researcher, Barbara McClintock gained international renown when she won the Nobel Prize in Physiology and Medicine.

2935

**amends; compensation**

At the peace conference, the defeated country promised to pay reparations to the victors.

2938

**capable of being repaired**

Fortunately, the damages we suffered in the accident were repairable and our car looks brand new.

2937

**revoke; annul**

What would the effect on our society be if we decriminalized drug use by repealing the laws against the possession and sale of narcotics?

2940

**clever reply**

He was famous for his witty repartee and his sarcasm.

2939

**rebound; reverberation; reaction**

I am afraid that this event will have serious repercussions.

2942

**driving away; unattractive**

Mosquitoes find the odor so repellent that they leave any spot where this liquid has been sprayed.

2941

**fret; complain**

There is no sense repining over the work you have left undone.

2944

**list of works of music, drama, etc., a p**

The opera company decided to include Madame Butterfly in its repertoire for the following season.

2943

**filled to capacity; abundantly supplied**

The book is replete with humorous situations.

2946

**fill up again**

Before she could take another backpacking trip, Carla had to replenish her stock of freeze-dried foods.

2945

**reproduce; duplicate**

To the chagrin of the scientists, they were unable to replicate the results of their controversial experiment.

2948

**copy**

Are you going to hang this replica of the Declaration of Independence in the classroom or in the auditorium?

2947

**deserving blame**

Your vicious conduct in this situation is reprehensible.

2950

**storehouse**

Libraries are repositories of the world's best thoughts.

2949

**temporary stay**

During the twenty-four-hour reprieve, the lawyers sought to make the stay of execution permanent.

2952

**restrain; crush; oppress**

Anne's parents tried to curb her impetuosity without repressing her boundless high spirits.

2951

## retaliation

I am confident that we are ready for any reprisals the enemy may undertake.

2954

## reprove severely

I am afraid that my parents will reprimand me when I show them my report card.

2953

## blame; censure

I want my work to be above reproach and without error

2956

## recurrent action; musical repetition; reprobate

At Waterloo, it was not the effect of any one skirmish that exhausted Colonel Audly; rather it was the cumulative effect of the constant reprises that left him spent.

2955

## severe disapproval

The students showed their reprobation of his act by refusing to talk with him.

2958

## person hardened in sin, devoid of a sense of shame

I cannot understand why he has so many admirers if he is the reprobate you say he is.

2957

## disown; disavow

He announced that he would repudiate all debts incurred by his wife.

2960

## censure; rebuke

The principal reproved the students when they became unruly in the auditorium.

2959

## act of driving back; distaste

The repulsion of the enemy forces was not accomplished bloodlessly; many of the defenders were wounded in driving the enemy back.

2962

## loathing

She looked at the snake with repugnance.

2961

## supposed

He is the reputed father of the child.

2964

## respectable

If you want to buy antiques, look for a reputable dealer; far too many dealers today pass off fakes as genuine antiques.

2963

## necessary requirement

Many colleges state that a student must offer three years of a language as a requisite for admission.

2966

## mass for the dead; dirge

They played Mozart's Requiem at the funeral.

2965

## cancel

Because of public resentment, the king had to rescind his order.

2968

## repay; revenge

The wretch requited his benefactors by betraying them.

2967

## remainder; balance

In his will, he requested that after payment of debts, taxes, and funeral expenses, the residue be given to his wife.

2970

## self-control; formal but distant manner

Although some girls were attracted by Mark's reserve, Judy was put off by it, for she felt his aloofness indicated a lack of openness.

2969

## elastic; having the power of springing l

Highly resilient, steel makes excellent bedsprings.

2972

## patient submissiveness; statement that

If Bob Cratchit had not accepted Scrooge's bullying with timid resignation, he might have gotten up the nerve to hand in his resignation.

2971

## determination

Nothing could shake his resolve that his children would get the best education that money could buy.

2974

## determination

Nothing could shake his resolution to succeed despite all difficulties.

2973

## echoing; resounding; deep and full in s

The deep, resonant voice of the actor James Earl Jones makes him particularly effective when he appears on stage.

2976

## decide; settle; solve

Homes resolved to travel to Bohemia to resolve the dispute between Irene Adler and the King.

2975



**delay in punishment; interval of relief;**

The judge granted the condemned man a respite to enable his attorneys to file an appeal.

2978

**breathing; exhalation**

The doctor found that the patient's years of smoking had adversely affected both his lung capacity and his rate of respiration.

2977

**state of reacting readily to appeals, ord**

The audience cheered and applauded, delighting the performers by its responsiveness.

2980

**brilliant; lustrous**

The toreador wore a resplendent costume called a suit of lights.

2979

**restlessly impatient; obstinately resistir**

Waiting impatiently in the line to see Santa Claus, even the best-behaved children grow restive and start to fidget.

2982

**reparation; indemnification**

He offered to make restitution for the window broken by his son.

2981

**taking up again; recommencement**

During the summer break, Don had not realized how much he missed university life: at the resumption of classes, however, he felt marked excitement and pleasure.

2984

**controlling force**

She dreamt of living an independent life, free of all restraints.

2983

**revive**

The lifeguard tried to resuscitate the drowned child by applying artificial respiration.

2986

**rising again after defeat, etc.**

The resurgent nation surprised everyone by its quick recovery after total defeat.

2985

**repay in kind (usually for bad treatmen**

Fear that we will retaliate immediately deters our foe from attacking us.

2988

**keep; employ**

Fighting to retain his seat in Congress, Senator Foghorn retained a new manager to head his reelection campaign.

2987

reserved; uncommunicative; inclined to

Hughes preferred reticent employees to loquacious ones, noting that the formers' dislike of idle chatter might ensure their discretion about his affairs.

2990

holding; having a good memory

The pupil did not need to spend much time in study as he had a retentive mind.

2989

modest; shy

Given Susan's retiring personality, no one expected her to take up public speaking; surprisingly enough, she became a star of the school debate team.

2992

following; attendants

The queen's retinue followed her down the aisle.

2991

withdrawal

He dropped his libel suit after the newspaper published a retraction of its statement.

2994

quick, sharp reply

Even when it was advisable for her to keep her mouth shut, she was always ready with a retort.

2993

vengeance; compensation; punishment

The evangelist maintained that an angry deity would exact retribution from the sinners.

2996

cut down; economize

If they were to be able to send their children to college, they would have to retrench.

2995

taking effect before its enactment (as a

Because the new pension law was retroactive to the first of the year, even though Martha had retired in February she was eligible for the pension.

2998

recover; find and bring in

The dog was intelligent and quickly learned to retrieve the game killed by the hunter.

2997

looking back on the past

It is only when we become retrospective that we can appreciate the tremendous advances made during this century.

3000

go backwards; degenerate

Instead of advancing, our civilization seems to have retrograded in ethics and culture.

2999

## echo; resound

The entire valley reverberated with the sound of the church bells.

3002

## boisterous merrymaking

New Year's Eve is a night of revelry.

3001

## daydream; musing

He was awakened from his reverie by the teacher's question.

3004

## respectful

His reverent attitude was appropriate in a house of worship.

3003

## cancel; retract

Repeat offenders who continue to drive under the influence of alcohol face having their driver's licenses permanently revoked.

3006

## slander; vilify

He was avoided by all who feared that he would revile and abuse them if they displeased him.

3005

## to speak or write in an exaggeratedly e

She greatly enjoyed her Hawaiian vacation and rhapsodized about it for weeks.

3008

## sudden violent change of feeling; nega

Many people in this country who admired dictatorships underwent a revulsion when they realized what Hitler and Mussolini were trying to do.

3007

## wanton; profane

He sang a ribald song that offended many of the more prudish listeners.

3010

## art of effective communication; insinc

All writers, by necessity, must be skilled in rhetoric.

3009

## abundant; current

In the face of the many rumors of scandal, which are rife at the moment, it is best to remain silent.

3012

## amendment or clause added to a legisla

Senator Foghorn said he would support Senator Filibuster's tax reform bill only if Filibuster agreed to add an antipollution rider to the bill.

3011

## fix or manipulate

The ward boss was able to rig the election by bribing people to stuff the ballot boxes with ballots marked in his candidate's favor.

3014

## opening; break

The plane was lost in the stormy sky until the pilot saw the city through a rift in the clouds.

3013

## severity

Many settlers could not stand the rigors of the New England winters.

3016

## stiff and unyielding; strict; hard and un

By living with a man to whom she was not married, George Eliot broke Victorian society's most rigid rule of respectable behavior.

3015

## absorbing; engrossing

The reviewer described Byatt's novel *Possession* as a riveting tale: absorbed in the story, he had finished it in a single evening.

3018

## vex; irritate; muddy

Red had a hair-trigger temper: he was an easy man to rile.

3017

## vigorous; strong

The candidate for the football team had a robust physique.

3020

## small stream

As the rains continued, the trickle of water running down the hillside grew into a rivulet that threatened to wash away a portion of the slope.

3019

## to make liquids murky by stirring up se

Be careful when you pour not to roil the wine; if you stir up the sediment you'll destroy the flavor.

3022

## ornate; highly decorated

The rococo style in furniture and architecture, marked by scrollwork and excessive decoration, flourished during the middle of the eighteenth century.

3021

## list

They print the roster of players in the season's program.

3024

## rosy; optimistic

I am afraid you will have to alter your roseate views in the light of the distressing news that has just arrived.

3023

## repetition

He recited the passage by rote and gave no indication he understood what he was saying.

3026

## platform for speech-making; pulpit

The crowd murmured angrily and indicated that they did not care to listen to the speaker who was approaching the rostrum.

3025

## roundness; sonorousness of speech

Washington Irving emphasized the rotundity of the governor by describing his height and circumference.

3028

## circular building or hall covered with a

His body lay in state in the rotunda of the Capitol.

3027

## stampede; drive out

The reinforcements were able to rout the enemy

3030

## lively; stirring

"And now, let's have a rousing welcome for TV's own Roseanne Arnold, who'll lead us in a rousing rendition of 'The Star-Spangled Banner.'"

3029

## title or heading (in red print); direction

In ordaining the new priests, the bishop carefully observed all the rubrics for the ordination service.

3032

## fragments

Ten years after World War II, some of the rubble left by enemy bombings could still be seen.

3031

## not developed; elementary

His dancing was limited to a few rudimentary steps.

3034

## reddish; healthy-looking

His ruddy features indicated that he had spent much time in the open.

3033

## bully; scoundrel

The ruffians threw stones at the police.

3036

## regretful; sorrowful; dejected

The artist has captured the sadness of childhood in his portrait of the boy with the rueful countenance.

3035

**ransack; thoroughly search**

When we rummaged through the trunks in the attic, we found many souvenirs of our childhood days.

3038

**chew the cud; ponder**

We cannot afford to wait while you ruminate upon these plans.

3037

**trick; stratagem**

You will not be able to fool your friends with such an obvious ruse.

3040

**mysterious; set down in an ancient alphabet**

Tolkien's use of Old English words and inscriptions in the runic alphabet give *The Lord of the Rings* its atmosphere of antiquity.

3039

**banish to the country; dwell in the country**

I like city life so much that I can never understand how people can rusticate in the suburbs.

3042

**pertaining to country people; uncouth**

The backwoodsman looked out of place in his rustic attire.

3041

**fall back or sink again**

The economy relapsed into a depression from the peak.

3044

**pitiless**

The escaped convict was a dangerous and ruthless murderer.

3043

**cloyingly sweet**

She tried to ingratiate herself, speaking sweetly and smiling a saccharine smile.

3046

**one who commits sabotage; destroyer of property**

Members of the Resistance acted as saboteurs, blowing up train lines to prevent supplies from reaching the Nazi army.

3045

**most sacred; inviolable**

The brash insurance salesman invaded the sacrosanct privacy of the office of the president of the company.

3048

**desecrating; profane**

His stealing of the altar cloth was a very sacrilegious act.

3047

## Scandinavian myth; any legend

This is a saga of the sea and the men who risk their lives on it.

3050

## inclined to cruelty

If we are to improve conditions in this prison, we must first get rid of the sadistic warden.

3049

## person celebrated for wisdom

Hearing tales of a mysterious Master of All Knowledge who lived in the hills of Tibet, Sandy was possessed with a burning desire to consult the legendary sage.

3052

## keen; shrewd; having insight

He is much too sagacious to be fooled by a trick like that.

3051

## prominent

One of the salient features of that newspaper is its excellent editorial page.

3054

## lascivious; lustful

Chaucer's monk is not pious but salacious, a teller of lewd tales and ribald jests.

3053

## yellowish; sickly in color

We were disturbed by his sallow complexion, which was due to jaundice.

3056

## salty

The slightly saline taste of this mineral water is pleasant.

3055

## tending to improve; beneficial; wholes

The punishment had a salutary effect on the boy, as he became a model student.

3058

## healthful

Many people with hay fever move to more salubrious sections of the country during the months of August and September.

3057

## displaying ostentatious or hypocritical

You do not have to be so sanctimonious to prove that you are devout.

3060

## rescue from loss

All attempts to salvage the wrecked ship failed.

3059

## bloody

The battle of Iwo Jima was unexpectedly sanguinary with many casualties.

3062

## approve; ratify

Nothing will convince me to sanction the engagement of my daughter to such a worthless young man.

3061

## diminish; undermine

The element kryptonite had an unhealthy effect on Superman: it sapped his strength.

3064

## cheerful; hopeful

Let us not be too sanguine about the outcome; something could go wrong.

3063

## disdainful; sarcastic; cynical

The sardonic humor of nightclub comedians who satirize or ridicule patrons in the audience strikes some people as amusing and others as rude.

3066

## scornful remarks, stinging rebuke

His feelings were hurt by the sarcasm of his supposed friends.

3065

## satisfy to the full; cloy

Its hunger sated, the lion dozed.

3068

## pertaining to tailors

He was as famous for the sartorial splendor of his attire as he was for his acting.

3067

## surfeit; satisfy fully

The guests, having eaten until they were satiated, now listened inattentively to the speakers.

3070

## small body revolving around a larger o

During the first few years of the Space Age, hundreds of satellites were launched by Russia and the United States.

3069

## mocking

The humor of cartoonists Gary Trudeau often is satirical; though the comments of the Doonesbury characters, Trudeau ridicules political corruption and folly.

3072

## form of literature in which irony, sarca

Gulliver's Travels, which is regarded by many as a tale for children, is actually a bitter satire attacking human folly.

3071



## **gloomy**

Do not be misled by his saturnine countenance; he is not as gloomy as he looks.

3074

## **soak**

Their clothes were saturated by the rain.

3073

## **stroll slowly**

As we sauntered through the park, we stopped frequently to admire the spring flowers.

3076

## **half-human, half-bestial being in the c**

He was like a satyr in his lustful conduct.

3075

## **enjoy; have a distinctive flavor, smell,**

Relishing his triumph, Costner especially savored the chagrin of the critics who had predicted his failure.

3078

## **scholar**

Our faculty includes many worldfamous savants.

3077

## **case for a sword blade; sheath**

The drill master told the recruit to wipe the blood from his sword before slipping it back into the scabbard.

3080

## **tasty; pleasing, attractive, or agreeable**

Julia Child's recipes enable amateur chefs to create savory delicacies for their guests.

3079

## **temporary platform for workers; bracin**

Before painting the house, the workers put up a scaffold to allow them to work on the second story.

3082

## **a great quantity**

Refusing Dave's offer to lend him a shirt, Phil replied, "No, thanks: I've got scads of clothes."

3081

## **meager; insufficient**

Thinking his helping of food was scanty, Oliver Twist asked for more.

3084

## **climb up; ascend**

To locate a book on the top shelf of the stacks, Lee had to scale an exceptionally rickety ladder.

3083

## hunt through discarded materials for us

If you need car parts that the dealers no longer stock, try scavenging for odd bits and pieces at the auto wreckers' yards.

3086

## someone who bears the blame for other

After the Challenger disaster, NASA searched for scapegoats on whom they could cast the blame.

3085

## relating to an outline or diagram; using

In working out the solution to an analytical logic question, you may find it helpful to construct a simple schematic diagram illustrating the relationships between the items of information given in the question.

3088

## plot outline; screenplay; opera libretto

Scaramouche startled the other actors in the commedia troupe when he suddenly departed from their customary scenario and began to improvise.

3087

## shred; least bit

You have not produced a scintilla of evidence to support your argument.

3090

## division; split

Let us not widen the schism by further bickering.

3089

## mock; ridicule

He scoffed at dentists until he had his first toothache.

3092

## sparkle; flash

I enjoy her dinner parties because the food is excellent and the conversation scintillates.

3091

## lash; whip; severe punishment

They feared the plague and regarded it as a deadly scourge.

3094

## stamp out; thwart; hinder

Heather tried to scotch the rumor that she had stolen her best friend's fiancé.

3093

## conscientious; extremely thorough

I can recommend him for a position of responsibility for I have found him a very scrupulous young man.

3096

## fret about; hesitate, for ethical reasons

Fearing that her husband had become involved in an affair, she did not scruple to read his diary.

3095

**struggle confusedly; move off in a conf**

The twins briefly scuffled, wrestling to see which of them would get the toy. When their big brother yelled, "Let go of my Gameboy!" they scuffled off down the hall.

3098

**examine closely and critically**

Searching for flaws, the sergeant scrutinized every detail of the private's uniform.

3097

**move briskly**

The White Rabbit had to scurry to get to his appointment on time.

3100

**obscene; indecent**

Your scurrilous remarks are especially offensive because they are untrue.

3099

**sink**

The sailors decided to scuttle their vessel rather than surrender it to the enemy.

3102

**despicable; contemptible**

Peter Pan sneered at Captain Hook and his scurvy crew.

3101

**char or burn; brand**

Accidentally brushing against the hot grill, she seared her hand badly.

3104

**sordid; unwholesome**

In the Godfather, Michael Corleone is unwilling to expose his wife and children to the seamy side of his life as the son of a Mafia don.

3103

**withdrawal**

The secession of the Southern states provided Lincoln with his first major problem after his inauguration.

3106

**experienced**

Though pleased with her new batch of rookies, the basketball coach wished she had a few more seasoned players on the team.

3105

**hide away or cache; produce and releas**

The pack rat secretes odds and ends in its nest; the pancreas secretes insulin in the islets of Langerhans.

3108

**isolation; solitude**

One moment she loved crowds; the next, she sought seclusion.

3107

**worldly; not pertaining to church matte**

The church leaders decided not interfere in secular matters.

3110

**narrow-minded; limited in scope**

As university chaplain, she sought to address universal religious issues and not limit herself to mere sectarian concerns.

3109

**requiring sitting**

Because he had a sedentary occupation, he decided to visit a gymnasium weekly.

3112

**composed; grave**

The parents were worried because they felt their son was too quiet and sedate.

3111

**diligent**

The young woman was so sedulous that she received a commendation for her hard work.

3114

**resistance to authority; insubordination**

His words, though not treasonous in themselves, were calculated to arouse thoughts of sedition.

3113

**proper; appropriate**

Lady Bracknell did not think it was seemly for Ernest to lack a proper family; no baby abandoned on a doorstep could grow up to marry her daughter.

3116

**run-down; decrepit; disreputable**

I would rather stay in dormitory lodgings in a decent youth hostel than have a room of my own in a seedy downtown hotel.

3115

**be disturbed; boil**

The nation was seething with discontent as the nobleman continued their arrogant ways.

3118

**ooze; trickle**

During the rainstorm, water seeped through the crack in the basement wall and damaged the floor boards.

3117

**pertaining to earthquakes**

The Richter scale is a measurement of seismic disturbances.

3120

**net for catching fish**

When the shad run during the spring, you may see fishermen with seines along the banks of our coastal rivers.

3119

## germinal; influencing future development

Although Freud has generally been regarded as a seminal thinker who shaped the course of psychology, his psychoanalytic methods have come under attack recently.

3122

## outward appearance; guise

Although this book has a semblance of wisdom and scholarship, a careful examination will reveal many errors and omissions.

3121

## old age; feeble mindedness of old age

Most of the decisions are being made by the junior members of the company because of the senility of the president.

3124

## school for training future ministers; seminary

Sure of his priestly vocation, Terrence planned to pursue his theological training at the local Roman Catholic seminary.

3123

## pertaining to the physical senses; opera

He was stimulated by the sights, sounds and smells about him; he was enjoying his sensuous experience.

3126

## devoted to the pleasures of the senses; sensual

I cannot understand what caused him to drop his sensual way of life and become so ascetic.

3125

## sentry; lookout

Though camped in enemy territory, Bledsoe ignored the elementary precaution of posting sentinels around the encampment.

3128

## terse; concise; aphoristic

After reading so many redundant speeches, I find his sententious style particularly pleasing.

3127

## tomb

Annabel Lee was buried in a sepulcher by the sea.

3130

## putrid; producing putrefaction

The hospital was in such a filthy state that we were afraid that many of the patients would suffer from septic poisoning.

3129

## parched; dry

After the unseasonably dry winter the Berkeley hills looked dusty and sere.

3132

## retire from public life; segregate; seclude

Although he had hoped for a long time to sequester himself in a small community, he never was able to drop his busy round of activities in the city.

3131

### calmness; placidity

The serenity of the sleepy town was shattered by a tremendous explosion.

3134

### gift for finding valuable or desirable th

Many scientific discoveries are a matter of serendipity: Newton was not sitting there thinking about gravity when the apple dropped on his head.

3133

### having a sawtoothed edge

The beech tree is one of many plants that have serrated leaves.

3136

### winding; twisting

The car swerved at every curve in the serpentine road.

3135

### slavery; compulsory labor

Born a slave, Douglass resented his wife of servitude and plotted to escape to the North.

3138

### slavish; cringing

Constantly fawning on his employer, humble Uriah Heap was a servile creature.

3137

### harshness; plainness

The newspapers disapproved of the severity of the sentence.

3140

### division; partition; separation

The severance of church and state is a basic principle of our government.

3139

### chain; fetter

The criminal's ankles were shackled to prevent his escape.

3142

### navigation tool used to determine a shi

Given a clear night, with the aid of his sextant and compass, he could keep the ship safely on course.

3141

### slaughterhouse; scene of carnage

By the time the police arrived, the room was a shambles.

3144

### pretend

He shammed sickness to get out of going to school.

3143

**bundle of stalks of grain; any bundle of**

The lawyer picked up a sheaf of papers as he rose to question the witness.

3146

**fragment, generally of pottery**

The archaeologist assigned several students the task of reassembling earthenware vessels from the shards he had brought back from the expedition.

3145

**flavored dessert ice**

I prefer raspberry sherbet to ice cream since it is less fattening.

3148

**place into a case**

As soon as he recognized the approaching men, he sheathed his dagger and hailed them as friends.

3147

**avoid (responsibility, work, etc.); malit**

Brian has a strong sense of duty; he would never shirk any responsibility.

3150

**glimmer intermittently**

The moonlight shimmered on the water as the moon broke through the clouds for a moment.

3149

**scolding woman**

No one wanted to marry Shakespeare's Kate because she was a shrew.

3152

**sham; not genuine; inferior**

You will never get the public to buy such shoddy material.

3151

**keep away from**

Cherishing his solitude, the recluse shunned the company of other human beings.

3154

**clever; astute**

A shrewd investor, he took clever advantage of the fluctuations of the stock market.

3153

**lawyer using questionable methods.**

On L.A. Law, respectable attorney Brackman was horrified to learn that his newly discovered half brother was a cheap shyster.

3156

**turn aside; divert; sidetrack**

If the switchman failed to shunt the Silver Streak onto a side track, the train would plow right into Union Station.

3155

## prophetic; oracular

Until their destruction by fire in 83 B.C., the sibylline books were often consulted by the Romans.

3158

## brother or sister

We may not enjoy being siblings, but we cannot forget that we still belong to the same family.

3157

## sediment deposited by running water

The harbor channel must be dredged annually to remove the silt.

3160

## relating to the stars

Although hampered by optical and mechanical flaws, the orbiting Hubble space telescope has relayed extraordinary images of distant sidereal bodies.

3159

## comparison of one thing with another,

"My love is like a red, red rose" is a simile.

3162

## monkeylike

Lemurs are nocturnal mammals and have many simian characteristics, although they are less intelligent than monkeys.

3161

## oversimplified

Though Jack's solution dealt adequately with one aspect of the problem, it was simplistic in failing to consider various complicating factors that might arise.

3164

## smirk; smile affectedly

Complimented on her appearance, Stella self-consciously simpered.

3163

## well-paid position with little responsibility

My job is no sinecure; I work long hours and have much responsibility.

3166

## feign

He simulated insanity in order to avoid punishment for his crime.

3165

## unique; extraordinary; odd

Though the young man tried to understand Father William's singular behavior, he still found it odd that the old man incessantly stood on his head.

3168

## tough; strong and firm

The steak was too sinewy to chew

3167



winding; bending in and out; not moral

The snake moved in a sinuous manner.

3170

evil

We must defeat the sinister forces that seek our downfall.

3169

small, light sailboat or rowboat

Tom dreamed of owning an ocean-going yacht but had to settle for a skiff he could sail in the bay.

3172

doubter; person who suspends judgment

point of view. In this matter, I am a skeptic; I want proof.

3171

miser

The old skinflint refused to give her a raise.

3174

provide scantily; live very economically

They were forced to skimp on necessities in order to make their limited supplies last the winter.

3173

lively; frisky

She is as skittish as a kitten playing with a piece of string.

3176

minor fight

Custer's troops expected they might run into a skirmish or two on maneuvers; they did not expect to face a major battle.

3175

move furtively and secretly

He skulked through the less fashionable sections of the city in order to avoid meeting any of his former friends.

3178

dishonest behavior

The investigation into municipal corruption turned up new instances of skulduggery daily.

3177

residue from smelting metal; dross; waste

The blast furnace had a special opening at the bottom to allow the workers to remove the worthless slag.

3180

slow up; loosen

As they passed the finish line, the runners slackened their pace.

3179

**defamation; utterance of false and mali**

Unless you can prove your allegations, your remarks constitute slander.

3182

**quench; sate**

When we reached the oasis, we were able to slake our thirst.

3181

**flimsy; unsubstantial**

This is a sleazy fabric; it will not wear well.

3184

**haphazard; careless; sloppy**

From the number of typos and misspellings I've found on it, it's clear that Mario proofread the report in a remarkably slapdash fashion.

3183

**dexterity**

The magician amazed the audience with his sleight of hand.

3186

**something originally of little value or i**

Unnoticed by the critics at its publication, the eventual Pulitzer Prize winner was a classic sleeper.

3185

**slip or slide**

During the recent ice storm, many people slithered down this hill as they walked to the station.

3188

**insult to one's dignity; snub**

Hypersensitive and ready to take offense at any discourtesy, Bertha was always on the lookout for real or imaginary slights.

3187

**slow-moving tree-dwelling mammal**

Note how well the somewhat greenish coat of the sloth enables it to blend in with its arboreal surroundings.

3190

**laziness**

Such sloth in a young person is deplorable; go to work!

3189

**untidy; slipshod**

Such slovenly work habits will never produce good products.

3192

**cast off**

Each spring, the snake sloughs off its skin.

3191

## slow; lazy; lethargic

After two nights without sleep, she felt sluggish and incapable of exertion.

3194

## lazy person

"You are a sluggard, a drone, a parasite," the angry father shouted at his lazy son.

3193

## insult to one's character or reputation; slur

Polls revealed that the front-runner's standing had been damaged by the slurs and innuendoes circulated by his opponent's staff.

3196

## artificial channel for directing or controlling water

In times of drought, this sluice enables farmers to obtain water for irrigation.

3195

## conceited smile

Wipe that smirk off your face!

3198

## slight knowledge

I don't know whether it is better to be ignorant of a subject or to have a mere smattering of information about it.

3197

## half-stifled laugh

The boy could not suppress a snicker when the teacher sat on the tack.

3200

## burn without flame; be liable to break or burst

The rags smoldered for hours before they burst into flame.

3199

## moderation (especially regarding indulgence)

Neither drunkards nor comics are noted for sobriety.

3202

## run at the nose; snuffle; whine

Don't you come sniveling to me complaining about your big brother.

3201

## temporary stay

After his sojourn in Florida, he began to long for the colder climate of his native New England home.

3204

## soaked; dull, as if from drink

He set his sodden overcoat near the radiator to dry.

3203

## repair or make whole by using a metal

The plumber fixed the leak in the pipes by soldering a couple of joints from which water had been oozing.

3206

## comfort in trouble

I hope you will find solace in the thought that all of us share your loss.

3205

## seriousness; gravity

The minister was concerned that nothing should disturb the solemnity of the marriage service.

3208

## construction that is flagrantly incorrect

I must give this paper a failing mark because it contains many solecisms.

3207

## worried, concerned

The employer was very solicitous about the health of her employees as replacements were difficult to get.

3210

## request earnestly; seek

Knowing she needed to have a solid majority for the budget to pass, the mayor telephoned all the members of the city council to solicit their votes.

3209

## point at which the sun is farthest from

The winter solstice usually occurs on December 21.

3212

## talking to oneself

The soliloquy is a device used by the dramatist to reveal a character's innermost thoughts and emotions.

3211

## pertaining to the body; physical

Why do you ignore the spiritual aspects and emphasize only the corporeal and the somatic ones?

3214

## able to pay all debts

By dint of very frugal living, he was finally able to become solvent and avoid bankruptcy proceedings.

3213

## sleepwalker

The most famous somnambulist in literature is Lady Macbeth; her monologue in the sleepwalking scene is one of the highlights of Shakespeare's play.

3216

## gloomy; depressing

From the doctor's grim expression, I could tell he had somber news.

3215

**resonant**

His sonorous voice resounded through the hall.

3218

**half asleep**

The heavy meal and the overheated room made us all somnolent and indifferent to the speaker.

3217

**artificiality; unnaturalness; act of empl**

Sophistication is an acquired characteristic, found more frequently among city dwellers than among residents of rural areas.

3220

**teacher of philosophy; quibbler; emplo**

You are using all the devices of a sophist in trying to prove your case; your argument is specious.

3219

**immature; shallow**

Your sophomoric remarks are a sign of your youth and indicate that you have not given much thought to the problem.

3222

**seemingly plausible but fallacious reas**

Instead of advancing valid arguments, he tried to overwhelm his audience with a flood of sophistries.

3221

**filthy; base; vile**

The social worker was angered by the sordid housing provided for the homeless.

3224

**sleep producing**

I do not need a sedative when I listen to one of his soporific speeches.

3223

**lacking luxury and comfort; sternly dis**

Looking over the bare, unheated room with its hard cot, he wondered what he was doing in such spartan quarters. Only his spartan sense of duty kept him at his post.

3226

**small metallic piece sewn to clothing f**

The thousands of spangles on her dress sparkled in the glare of the stage lights.

3225

**squabble; minor dispute**

What had started out as a mere spat escalated into a full-blown argument.

3228

**fitful; periodic**

The spasmodic coughing in the auditorium annoyed the performers.

3227

## relating to space

It is difficult to visualize the spatial extent of our universe.

3230

## sudden flood

I am worried about the possibility of a spate if the rains do not diminish soon.

3229

## lay eggs

Fish ladders had to be built in the dams to assist the salmon returning to spawn in their native streams.

3232

## broad-bladed instrument used for spreading

The manufacturers of this frying pan recommended the use of a rubber spatula to avoid scratching the specially treated surface.

3231

## ghostly

We were frightened by the spectral glow that filled the room.

3234

## seemingly reasonable but incorrect

Let us not be misled by such specious arguments.

3233

## someone who wastes money

Easy access to credit encourages people to turn into spendthrifts who shop till they drop.

3236

## colored band produced when a beam of light is dispersed

The visible portion of the spectrum includes red at one end and violet at the other.

3235

## fasten together; unite

Before you splice two strips of tape together, be sure to line them up evenly.

3238

## enigmatic; mysterious

The Mona Lisa's sphinx-like expression has puzzled art lovers for centuries.

3237

## accidental transposition of sounds in speech

When the radio announcer introduced the President as Hoobert Herver, he was guilty of spoonerism.

3240

## impulsiveness; absence of premeditation

What I liked best about Dale's parties was their spontaneity: a couple of friends would drop by, someone would pull out a fiddle or guitar, and before you knew it the party would be in full swing.

3239

**playful**

Such a sportive attitude is surprising in a person as serious as you usually are.

3242

**occurring irregularly**

Although there are still sporadic outbursts of shooting in the streets, the rebellion is essentially over.

3241

**vigorously active; nimble**

She was eighty years old, yet still spry and alert.

3244

**neat and trim**

Every button buttoned, tie firmly in place, young Alex Keaton looked spruce and tidy for his job interview at the bank.

3243

**reject; scorn**

The heroine spurned the villain's advances.

3246

**false; counterfeit; forged; illogical**

The hero of Jonathan Gash's mystery novels is an antique dealer who gives the reader advice on how to tell spurious antiques from the real things.

3245

**dirty; neglected; poor**

It is easy to see how crime can breed in such a squalid neighborhood.

3248

**minor quarrel; bickering**

Children invariably get involved in petty squabbles; wise parents know when to interfere and when to let the children work things out on their own.

3247

**stocky; short and thick**

Tolkien's hobbits are somewhat squat, sturdy little creatures, fond of good ale, good music, and good food.

3250

**waste**

The prodigal son squandered the family estate.

3249

**motionless; stale; dull**

The stagnant water was a breeding ground for disease

3252

**played in an abrupt manner; marked by**

His staccato speech reminded one of the sound of a machine gun.

3251

## deadlock

Negotiations between the union and the employers have reached a stalemate; neither side is willing to budge from previously stated positions.

3254

## sober; sedate

Her conduct during the funeral ceremony was staid and solemn.

3253

## strength; staying power

I doubt that she has the stamina to run the full distance of the marathon race.

3256

## strong, brawny; steadfast

His consistent support of the party has proved that he is a stalwart and loyal member.

3255

## division of a poem

Do you know the last stanza of "The Star-Spangled Banner"?

3258

## check flow of blood

It is imperative that we stanch the gushing wound before we attend to the other injuries.

3257

## law

We have many statutes in our law books which should be repealed.

3260

## unchanging; lacking development

Nothing had changed at home; things were static there

3259

## loyal; unswerving

Penelope was steadfast in her affections, faithfully waiting for Ulysses to return from his wanderings.

3262

## created by statute or legislative action

The judicial courts review and try statutory crimes.

3261

## soak; saturate

Be sure to steep the fabric in the dye bath for the full time prescribed.

3264

## slyness; sneakiness; secretiveness

Fearing detection by the sentries on duty, the scout inched his way toward the enemy camp with great stealth.

3263



### check the flow

The paramedic used a tourniquet to stem the bleeding from the slashed artery.

3266

### pertaining to the stars

He was the stellar attraction of the entire performance.

3265

### extremely loud

The town crier had stentorian voice.

3268

### arise from

Milton's problems in school stemmed from his poor study habits.

3267

### perfectionist; person who insists things

The Internal Revenue Service agent was a stickler for accuracy; no approximations or rough estimates would satisfy him.

3270

### oversimplified; lacking individuality; s

My chief objection to the book is that the characters are stereotyped; they come across as ethnic caricatures, not as real people with individual quirks, fears, and dreams.

3269

### token of disgrace; brand

I do not attach any stigma to the fact that you were accused of this crime; the fact that you were acquitted clears you completely.

3272

### suppress; extinguish; inhibit

Halfway through the boring lecture, Laura gave up trying to stifle her yawns.

3271

### be thrifty; set limits

"Spare no expense," the bride's father said, refusing to stint on the wedding arrangements.

3274

### bombastic; stiffly pompous

His stilted rhetoric did not impress the college audience; they were immune to bombastic utterances.

3273

### pay for services

There is a nominal stipend for this position.

3276

### supply; allotted amount; assigned porti

He performed his daily stint cheerfully and willingly.

3275

## make express conditions, specify

Before agreeing to reduce American military forces in Europe, the president stipulated that NATO teams be allowed to inspect Soviet bases.

3278

## paint or draw with dots

Seurat carefully stippled dabs of pure color on the canvas, juxtaposing dots of blue and yellow that the viewer's eye would interpret as green.

3277

## person who is indifferent to pleasure or

The doctor called her patient a stoic because he had borne the pain of the examination without whimpering.

3280

## stuffy; boringly conservative

For a young person, Winston seems remarkably stodgy: you'd expect someone of his age to have a little more life.

3279

## dullness; impassiveness

The earthquake shattered his usual stolidity; trembling, he crouched on the no longer stable ground.

3282

## stir up a fire; feed plentifully

As a Scout, Marisa learned how to light a fire, how to stoke it if it started to die down, and how to extinguish it completely.

3281

## layer of earth's surface; layer of society

Unless we alleviate conditions in the lowest stratum of our society, we may expect grumbling and revolt.

3284

## divided into classes; arranged into strata

As the economic gap between the rich and the poor increased, Roman society grew increasingly stratified.

3283

## marked with parallel bands; grooved

The glacier left many striated rocks.

3286

## spread randomly; sprinkle; scatter

Preceding the bride to the altar, the flower girl will strew rose petals along the aisle.

3285

## loud and harsh

She scolded him in a strident voice

3288

## critical comments; severe and adverse criticism

His strictures on the author's style are prejudiced and unwarranted.

3287

## pompous walk

His strut as he marched about the parade ground revealed him for what he was: a pompous buffoon.

3290

## binding; rigid

I think these regulations are too stringent.

3289

## unspontaneous; deliberate; thoughtful

Given Jill's previous slights, Jack felt that the omission of his name from the guest list was a studied insult.

3292

## supporting bar

The engineer calculated that the strut supporting the rafter needed to be reinforced.

3291

## make numb; stun; amaze

Disapproving of drugs in general, Laura refused to take sleeping pills or any other medicine that might stupefy her.

3294

## cause to appear or become stupid or in

His long hours in the blacking factory left young Dickens numb and incurious, as if the menial labor had stultified his mind.

3293

## present an obstacle; stump

The detective was stymied by the contradictory evidence in the robbery investigation.

3296

## state of apathy; daze; lack of awareness

In his stupor, the addict was unaware of the events taking place around him.

3295

## subordinate

The captain treated his subalterns as though they were children rather than commissioned officers.

3298

## urbanity; polish

He is particularly good in roles that require suavity and sophistication.

3297

## conquer; bring under control

It is not our aim to subjugate our foe; we are interested only in establishing peaceful relations.

3300

## occurring or taking place within the mi

Your analysis is highly subjective; you have permitted your emotions and your opinions to color your thinking.

3299

**exalted; noble; uplifting**

Mother Teresa has been honored for her sublime deeds.

3302

**refine; purify**

We must strive to sublimate these desires and emotions into worthwhile activities.

3301

**yielding; timid**

Crushed by his authoritarian father, Will had no defiance left in him; he was totally submissive in the face of authority.

3304

**below the threshold**

We may not be aware of the subliminal influences that affect our thinking.

3303

**writ summoning a witness to appear**

The prosecutor's office was ready to serve a subpoena on the reluctant witness.

3306

**persuade to act unlawfully (especially t**

In the Godfather, the mobsters used bribery and threats to suborn the witnesses against Don Michael Corleone.

3305

**behaving like a slave; servile; obsequic**

He was proud and dignified; he refused to be subservient to anyone.

3308

**following; later**

In subsequent lessons, we shall take up more difficult problems.

3307

**subordinate; secondary**

This information may be used as subsidiary evidence but is not sufficient by itself to prove your argument.

3310

**settle down; descend; grow quiet**

The doctor assured us that the fever would eventually subside.

3309

**existence; means of support; livelihood**

In those days of inflated prices, my salary provided mere subsistence.

3312

**direct financial aid by government, etc**

Without this subsidy, American ship operators would not be able to compete in world markets.

3311

**essential; pertaining to the substance**

Although the delegates were aware of the importance of the problem, they could not agree on the substantive issues.

3314

**verify; support**

I intend to substantiate my statement by producing witnesses.

3313

**pretense; evasion**

As soon as we realized that you had won our support by a subterfuge we withdrew our endorsement of your candidacy.

3316

**include; encompass**

Does the general theory of relativity contradict Newtonian physics, or is Newton's law of gravity subsumed into Einstein's larger scheme?

3315

**tending to overthrow; destructive**

At first glance, the notion that Styrofoam cups may actually be more ecologically sound than paper cups strikes most environmentalists as subversive.

3318

**nicety; cunning; guile; delicacy**

The subtlety of his remarks was unnoticed by most of his audience.

3317

**aid; assistance; relief**

We shall be ever grateful for the succor our country gave us when we were in need.

3320

**brief; terse; compact**

His remarks are always succinct and pointed.

3319

**yield; give in; die**

I succumb to temptation whenever it comes my way.

3322

**juicy; full of richness**

To some people, Florida citrus fruits are more succulent than those from California.

3321

**spread over**

A blush suffused her cheeks when we teased her about her love affair.

3324

**advocate of voting rights (for women)**

In recognition of her efforts to win the vote for women, Congress authorized coining a silver dollar honoring the suffragist Susan B. Anthony.

3323

## sweltering

He could not adjust himself to the sultry climate of the tropics.

3326

## tarnish; soil

He felt that it was beneath his dignity to sully his hands in such menial labor.

3325

## lavish; rich

I cannot recall when I have had such a sumptuous Thanksgiving feast.

3328

## act of finding the total, summary

In his summation, the lawyer emphasized the testimony given by the two witnesses.

3327

## various; several

My suspicions were aroused when I read sundry items in the newspapers about your behavior.

3330

## separate; part

Northern and southern Ireland are politically and religiously sundered.

3329

## contemptuous; haughty

I prefer Jill's modesty to Jack's supercilious and arrogant attitude.

3332

## retired or disqualified because of age

The superannuated man was indignant because he felt that he could still perform a good day's work.

3331

## trivial; shallow

Since your report gave only a superficial analysis of the problem, I cannot give you more than a passing grade.

3334

## superfluous; more than needed or demanded

We have more than enough witnesses to corroborate your statement; to present any more would be supererogatory.

3333

## place over something else

Your attempt to superimpose another agency in this field will merely increase the bureaucratic nature of our government.

3336

## excessive; overabundant, unnecessary

Please try not to include so many superfluous details in your report; just give me the bare facts.

3335

cause to be set aside; replace

This regulation will supersede all previous rules.

3338

person or thing in excess of what is nec

His first appearance on the stage was as a supernumerary in a Shakespearean tragedy.

3337

replace; usurp

Corazon Aquino supplanted Ferdinand Marcos as president of the Philippines.

3340

lying on back

The defeated pugilist lay supine on the canvas.

3339

entreating; beseeching

He could not resist the dog's suppliant whimpering, and he gave it some food.

3342

flexible; pliant

The angler found a supple limb and used it as a fishing rod.

3341

hypothesis; surmise

I based my decision to confide in him on the supposition that he would be discreet.

3344

petition humbly; pray to grant a favor

We supplicate Your Majesty to grant him amnesty.

3343

satiate; stuff; indulge to excess in anytl

Every Thanksgiving we are surfeited with an overabundance of holiday treats.

3346

assumed; counterfeit; hypothetical

I find no similarity between your supposititious illustration and the problem we are facing.

3345

guess

I surmise that he will be late for this meeting.

3348

rude; cross

Because of his surly attitude, many people avoided his company.

3347

**exceed**

Her SAT scores surpassed out expectations.

3350

**overcome**

He had to surmount many obstacles in order to succeed.

3349

**substitute**

For a fatherless child, a male teacher may become a father surrogate.

3352

**secret**

News of their surreptitious meeting gradually leaked out.

3351

**impressionable; easily influenced; havi**

He was a very susceptible young man, and so his parents worried that he might fall into bad company.

3354

**watching; guarding**

The FBI kept the house under constant surveillance in the hope of capturing all the criminals at one time.

3353

**means of support, food, nourishment**

In the tropics, the natives find sustenance easy to obtain because of all the fruit trees.

3356

**experience; support; nourish**

He sustained such a severe injury that the doctors feared he would be unable to work to sustain his growing family.

3355

**dark; dusky**

Despite the stereotype, not all Italians are swarthy; many are fair and blond.

3358

**stitches sewn to hold the cut edges of a**

We will remove the sutures as soon as the wound heals.

3357

**be oppressed by heat**

I am going to buy an air conditioning unit for my apartment as I do not intend to swelter through another hot and humid summer.

3360

**wrap around; bandage**

When I visited him in the hospital, I found him swathed in bandages.

3359



## drink greedily

Singing, "Yo, ho, ho, and a bottle of rum," Long John Silver and his fellow pirates swilled their grog.

3362

## deviate; turn aside sharply

The car swerved wildly as the driver struggled to regain control of the wheel.

3361

## lover of luxury

Rich people are not always sybarites; some of them have little taste for a life of luxury.

3364

## cheat

She was gullible and trusting, an easy victim for the first swindler who came along.

3363

## logical formula consisting of a major p

or specious argument There must be a fallacy in this syllogism; I cannot accept its conclusion.

3366

## servile flatterer

The king enjoyed the servile compliments and attentions of the sycophants in his retinue.

3365

## interdependent relationship (between g

Both the crocodile bird and the crocodile derive benefit from their symbiosis; pecking away at food particles embedded in the crocodile's teeth, the bird derives nourishment; the crocodile, meanwhile, derives proper dental hygiene.

3368

## pertaining to the woods; rustic

His paintings of nymphs in sylvan backgrounds were criticized as oversentimental.

3367

## similary timed; simultaneous with

We have many examples of scientists in different parts of the world who have made synchronous discoveries.

3370

## arrangement of parts so that balance is

The addition of a second tower will give this edifice the symmetry that it now lacks.

3369

## combining parts into a whole

Now that we have succeeded in isolating this drug, our next problem is to plan its synthesis in the laboratory.

3372

## providing a general overview; summar

The professor turned to the latest issue of Dissertation Abstracts for a synoptic account of what was new in the field.

3371

### calming drug or influence

It is dangerous to drive after taking the sedative; it brings drowsiness.

3374

### artificial; resulting from synthesis

During the twentieth century, many synthetic products have replaced the natural products.

3373

### understood; not put into words

We have a tacit agreement based on only a handshake.

3376

### literary dark

The stygian room reminded him of an empty space.

3375

### pertaining to the organs or sense of touch

His callused hands had lost their tactile sensitivity.

3378

### habitually silent; talking a little

New Englanders are reputedly taciturn people.

3377

### charm

She wore the talisman to ward off evil.

3380

### contaminated; corrupt

Health authorities are always trying to prevent the sale and use of tainted food.

3379

### peripheral; only slightly connected; dig

Despite Clark's attempts to distract her with tangential remarks, Lois kept on coming back to her main question: why couldn't he come out to dinner with Superman and her?

3382

### claw of bird

The falconer wore a leather gauntlet to avoid being clawed by the hawk's talons.

3381

### person who turns animal hides into leather

Using a solution of tanbark, the tanner treated the cowhide, transforming it into supple leather.

3384

### able to be touched; real; palpable

Although Tom did not own a house, he had several tangible assets--a car, a television, a PC--that he could sell if he needed cash.

3383

**equal**

Your ignoring their pathetic condition is tantamount to the murder.

3386

**tease; torture with disappointment**

Tom loved to tantalize his younger brother with candy; he knew the boy was forbidden to have it.

3385

**candle**

He lit the taper on the windowsill.

3388

**fit of petulance; caprice**

The child learned that he could have almost anything if he went into tantrums.

3387

**delay; dawdle**

We can't tarry if we want to get to the airport on time.

3390

**venomous spider**

We need an antitoxin to counteract the bite of the tarantula.

3389

**needlessly repetitious**

In the sentence "It was visible to the eye," the phrase "to the eye" is tautological.

3392

**tight; ready**

The captain maintained that he ran a taut ship.

3391

**specialist in classifying (animals, etc.)**

Dental patterns often enable the taxonomist to distinguish members of one rodent species from those of another.

3394

**cheap and gaudy**

He won a few tawdry trinkets in Coney Island.

3393

**boldness; rashness**

Do you have the temerity to argue with me?

3396

**boredom; weariness**

We hope this radio will help overcome the tedium of your stay in the hospital.

3395

**characteristic frame of mind; dispositive**

Although the twins look alike, they differ markedly in temperament: Tod is calm, but Rod is excitable.

3398

**moderate; tone down or restrain; tough**

Not even her supervisor's grumpiness could temper Nancy's enthusiasm for her new job.

3397

**speed of music**

I find the conductor's tempo too slow for such a brilliant piece of music.

3400

**restrained; self-controlled**

Noted for his temperate appetite, he seldom gained weight.

3399

**avoid committing oneself; gain time**

I cannot permit you to temporize any longer; I must have a definite answer today.

3402

**not lasting forever; limited by time; secular**

At one time in our history, temporal rulers assumed that they had been given their thrones by divine right.

3401

**firmness; persistency; adhesiveness**

It is extremely difficult to overcome the tenacity of a habit such as smoking.

3404

**holding fast**

I had to struggle to break his tenacious hold on my arm.

3403

**offer; extend**

Although no formal changes had been made against him, in the wake of the recent scandal the mayor felt he should tender his resignation.

3406

**having an aim; biased; designed to further**

The editorials in this periodical are tendentious rather than truth-seeking.

3405

**capable of being stretched**

Mountain climbers must know the tensile strength of their ropes.

3408

**doctrine; dogma**

The agnostic did not accept the tenets of their faith.

3407

**thin; rare; slim**

The allegiance of our allies is held by rather tenuous ties; let us hope they will remain loyal.

3410

**provisional; experimental**

Your tentative plans sound plausible; let me know when the final details are worked out.

3409

**lukewarm**

During the summer, I like to take a tepid bath, not a hot one.

3412

**holding of an office; time during which**

He was permanent tenure in this position and cannot be fired.

3411

**terms used in a science or art**

The special terminology developed by some authorities in the field has done more to confuse laypersons than to enlighten them.

3414

**to bring to an end**

When his contract was terminated unexpectedly, he desperately needed a new job.

3413

**on or relating to the earth**

We have been able to explore the terrestrial regions much more thoroughly than the aquatic or celestial regions.

3416

**last stop of railroad**

After we reached the railroad terminus, we continued our journey into the wilderness on saddle horses.

3415

**third**

He is so thorough that he analyzes tertiary causes where other writers are content with primary and secondary reasons.

3418

**concise; abrupt; pithy**

I admire his terse style of writing; he comes directly to the point.

3417

**maker of a will**

The attorney called in his secretary and his partner to witness the signature of the testator.

3420

**inlaid; mosaic**

I recall seeing a table with a tessellated top of bits of stone and glass in a very interesting pattern.

3419

## tie with a rope

Before we went to sleep, we tethered the horses to prevent their wandering off during the night.

3422

## irritable; short-tempered

My advice is to avoid discussing this problem with him today as he is rather testy and may shout at you.

3421

## government of a community by religion

Some Pilgrims favored the establishment of a theocracy in New England.

3424

## relating to a unifying motif or idea

Those who think of Moby Dick as a simple adventure story about whaling miss its underlying thematic import.

3423

## curative

Now better known for its racetrack, Saratoga Springs first gained attention for the therapeutic qualities of its famous "healing waters."

3426

## not practical or applied; hypothetical

Bob was better at applied engineering and computer programming than he was at theoretical physics and math. While I can still think of some theoretical objections to your plan, you've convinced me of its basic soundness

3425

## pertaining to drama

Her success in the school play convinced her she was destined for a thespian career.

3428

## pertaining to heat

The natives discovered that the hot springs gave excellent thermal baths and began to develop their community as a health resort.

3427

## careful about money; economical

A thrifty shopper compares prices before making major purchases.

3430

## slave; bondage

The captured soldier was held in thrall by the conquering army.

3429

## violent anguish

The throes of despair can be as devastating as the spasms accompanying physical pain.

3432

## prosper; flourish

Despite the impact of recession on the restaurant trade, Philip's cafe thrived.

3431

## strangle

The criminal tried to throttle the old man with his bare hands.

3434

## crowd

Throngs of shoppers jammed the aisles.

3433

## excessively frugal person; miser

Jill called Jack a tightwad because he never picked up the check.

3436

## baffle; frustrate

He felt that everyone was trying to thwart his plans and prevent his success.

3435

## quality of a musical tone produced by a

We identify the instrument producing a musical sound by its timbre.

3438

## handle used to move the boat's rudder (

Fearing the wind might shift suddenly and capsize the skiff, Tom kept one hand on the tiller at all times.

3437

## fearful; demonstrating fear

His timorous manner betrayed the fear he felt at the moment.

3440

## lack of self-confidence or courage

If you are to succeed as a salesperson, you must first lose your timidity and fear of failure.

3439

## extended scolding; denunciation

Long before he had finished his tirade, we were sufficiently aware of the seriousness of our misconduct.

3442

## drink (alcoholic beverages) frequently

He found that his most enjoyable evenings occurred when he tiddled with his friends at the local pub.

3441

## tax of one-tenth

Because he was an agnostic, he refused to pay his tithes to the clergy.

3444

## gigantic

titanic waves beat against the shore during the hurricane.

3443

**right or claim to possession; mark of ra**

Though the penniless Duke of Ragwort no longer held title to the family estate, he still retained his title as head of one of England's oldest families.

3446

**tickle**

I am here not to titillate my audience but to enlighten it.

3445

**having the title of an office without the**

Although he was the titular head of the company, the real decisions were made by his general manager.

3448

**nervous laugh**

Her aunt's constant titter nearly drove her mad.

3447

**Roman outer robe**

Marc Antony pointed to the slashes in Caesar's toga.

3450

**servile flatterer; yes man**

Never tell the boss anything he doesn't wish to hear: he doesn't want an independent adviser, he just wants a toady.

3449

**shaving of the head, especially by pers**

His tonsure, even more than his monastic garb, indicated that he was a member of the religious order.

3452

**large volume**

He spent much time in the libraries poring over ancient tomes.

3451

**lethargy; sluggishness; dormancy**

Nothing seemed to arouse him from his torpor; he had wholly surrendered himself to lethargy.

3454

**physical features of a region**

Before the generals gave the order to attack, they ordered a complete study of the topography of the region.

3453

**rushing stream; flood**

Day after day of heavy rain saturated the hillside until the water ran downhill in torrents.

3456

**twisting force; force producing rotator**

With her wrench she applied sufficient torque to the nut the loosen it.

3455



winding; full of curves

Because this road is so tortuous, it is unwise to go faster than twenty miles an hour on it.

3458

trunk of statue with head and limbs missing

This torso, found in the ruins of Pompeii, is now on exhibition in the museum in Naples.

3457

sensitive; irascible

Do not discuss this phase of the problem as he is very touchy about it.

3460

stone used to test the fineness of gold

What touchstone can be used to measure the character of a person?

3459

poisonous

We must seek an antidote for whatever toxic substance he has eaten.

3462

publicize; praise excessively

I lost confidence in my broker after he touted some junk bonds that turned out to be a bad investment.

3461

docile

You will find the children in this school very tractable and willing to learn.

3464

pamphlet; a region of indefinite size

The King granted William Penn a tract of land in the New World.

3463

path taken by a projectile

The police tried to locate the spot from which the assassin had fired the fatal shot by tracing the trajectory of the bullet.

3466

expose to slander

His opponents tried to traduce the candidate's reputation by spreading rumors about his past.

3465

exceed; surpass

This accomplishment transcends all our previous efforts.

3468

calmness; peace

After the commotion and excitement of the city, I appreciate the tranquillity of these fields and forests.

3467

**violation of a law; sin**

Forgive us our transgressions; we know not what we do.

3470

**copy**

When you transcribe your notes, please send a copy to Mr. Smith and keep the original for our files.

3469

**going from one state of action to another**

During the period of transition from oil heat to gas heat, the furnace will have to be shut off.

3472

**momentary; temporary; staying for a short time**

Lexy's joy at finding the perfect Christmas gift for Phil was transient; she still had to find presents for the cousins and Uncle Bob. Located near the airport, this hotel caters to the largely transient trade.

3471

**partly transparent**

We could not recognize the people in the next room because of the translucent curtains that separated us.

3474

**impermanence**

Conscious that all things pass, the psalmist relates the transitoriness of happiness and fame.

3473

**permitting to light to pass through freely**

Your scheme is so transparent that it will fool no one.

3476

**change; convert to something different**

He was unable to transmute his dreams into actualities.

3475

**strong emotion**

Margo was a creature of extremes, at one moment in transports of joy over a vivid sunset, at another moment in transports of grief over a dying bird.

3478

**be revealed; happen**

When Austen writes the sentence "It had just transpired that he had left gaming debts behind him," her meaning is not that the debts had just been incurred, but the the shocking news had just leaked out.

3477

**pertaining to an injury caused by violence**

In his nightmares, he kept on recalling the traumatic experience of being wounded in battle.

3480

**outward decorations; ornaments**

He loved the trappings of success: the limousines, the stock options, the company jet.

3479

**go through or across**

When you traverse this field, be careful of the bull.

3482

**painful labor**

How long do you think a man can endure such travail and degradation without rebelling?

3481

**article treating a subject systematically**

He is preparing a treatise on the Elizabethan playwrights for his graduate degree.

3484

**comical parody; treatment aimed at ma**

The ridiculous decision the jury has arrived at is a travesty of justice.

3483

**trembling; slight quiver**

She had a nervous tremor in her right hand.

3486

**travel; journey**

The tribe made their trek further north that summer in search of game.

3485

**cutting; keen**

I am afraid of his trenchant wit for it is so often sarcastic.

3488

**trembling; wavering**

She was tremulous more from excitement than from fear.

3487

**distress; suffering**

After all the trials and tribulations we have gone through, we need this rest.

3490

**fear; trembling agitation**

We must face the enemy without trepidation if we are to win this battle.

3489

**tax levied by a ruler; mark of respect**

The colonists refused to pay tribute to a foreign despot.

3492

**court of justice**

The decision of the tribunal was final and the prisoner was sentenced to death.

3491

### set off

John is touchy today; say one word wrong and you'll trigger an explosion.

3494

### three-pronged spear

Neptune is usually depicted as rising from the sea, carrying his trident on his shoulder.

3493

### knickknack; bauble

Whenever she traveled abroad, Ethel would pick up costume jewelry and other trinkets as souvenirs.

3496

### group of three works

Romain Rolland's novel Jean Christophe was first published as a trilogy.

3495

### trifles; unimportant matters

Too many magazines ignore newsworthy subjects and feature trivia.

3498

### hackneyed; commonplace

The trite and predictable situations in many television programs alienate many viewers.

3497

### container for feeding farm animals; trough

The hungry pigs struggled to get at the fresh swill in the trough. The surfer rode her board, coasting along in the trough between two waves.

3500

### pledge of good faith especially in betrothal

He gave her his troth and vowed to cherish her always.

3499

### self-evident truth

Many a truism is well expressed in a proverb.

3502

### aggressiveness; ferocity

Tynan's reviews were noted for their caustic attacks and general tone of truculence.

3501

### meeting

The lovers kept their tryst even though they realized their danger.

3504

### cut the top off

The top of the cone that has been truncated in a plane parallel to its base is a circle.

3503

**commotion; riot; noise**

She could not make herself heard over the tumult of the mob.

3506

**swollen; pompous; bombastic**

I especially dislike his tumid style; I prefer writing which is less swollen and bombastic.

3505

**muddy; having the sediment disturbed**

The water was turbid after the children had waded through it.

3508

**rolling, treeless plain in Siberia and arc**

Despite the cold, many geologists are trying to discover valuable mineral deposits in the tundra.

3507

**deep dish for serving soup**

The waiters brought the soup to the tables in silver tureens.

3510

**state of violent agitation**

We were frightened by the turbulence of the ocean during the storm.

3509

**confusion; strife**

Conscious he had sinned, he was in a state of spiritual turmoil.

3512

**swollen; distended**

The turgid river threatened to overflow the levees and flood the countryside.

3511

**depravity**

A visitor may be denied admittance to this country if she has been guilty of moral turpitude.

3514

**traitor**

The British considered Benedict Arnold a loyalist; the Americans considered him a turncoat.

3513

**protective; pertaining to a guardianship**

I am acting in my tutelary capacity when I refuse to grant you permission to leave the campus.

3516

**guardianship; training**

Under the tutelage of such masters of the instrument, she made rapid progress as a virtuoso.

3515

**oppression; cruel government**

Frederick Douglass fought against the tyranny of slavery throughout his entire life.

3518

**wealthy leader**

John D. Rockefeller was a prominent tycoon.

3517

**easily frightened; apprehensive**

He was timid and cowardish; always backing up at daunting situations.

3520

**beginner; novice**

For a mere tyro, you have produced some marvelous results.

3519

**work laboriously; make slow painful pi**

You must toil through 3500 words list in order to achieve a high score on GRE.

3522

**invigorating medicine**

The tonic water invigorated her, contrary to the enervating effect of the alcohol.

3521

**situated beyond; unstated and often qu**

You must have an ulterior motive for your behavior, since there is no obvious reason for it.

3524

**being everywhere; omnipresent**

That Christmas "The Little Drummer Boy" seemed ubiquitous: Justin heard the tune everywhere he went.

3523

**last demand; warning**

Since they have ignored our ultimatum, our only recourse is to declare war.

3526

**final; not susceptible to further analysis**

Scientists are searching for the ultimate truths.

3525

**complete agreement**

We were surprised by the unanimity with which our proposals were accepted by the different groups.

3528

**resentment; anger; sense of injury or in**

She took umbrage at his remarks and stormed away in a huff.

3527

**modest**

He is so unassuming that some people fail to realize how great a man he really is.

3530

**unsatisfied; not soothed**

Her anger is unassuaged by your apology.

3529

**strange; mysterious**

You have the uncanny knack of reading my innermost thoughts.

3532

**violent**

She had a sudden fit of unbridled rage.

3531

**outlandish; clumsy; boorish**

Most biographers portray Lincoln as an uncouth and ungainly young man.

3534

**unscrupulous; excessive**

She found the load shark's demands unconscionable and impossible to meet.

3533

**oily; bland; insincerely suave**

Uriah Heep disguised his nefarious actions by unctuous protestations of his "umility."

3536

**the act of anointing with oil**

The anointing with oil of a person near death is called extreme unction.

3535

**emphasize**

Addressing the jogging class, Kim underscored the importance to runners of good nutrition.

3538

**weaken; sap**

The recent corruption scandals have undermined many people's faith in the city government.

3537

**dig up**

When they unearthed the city, the archeologists found many relics of an ancient civilization.

3540

**move with a wavelike motion**

The flag undulated in the breeze.

3539

**plain; obvious**

My answer to your proposal is an unequivocal and absolute "No."

3542

**not earthly; weird**

There is an unearthly atmosphere in her work that amazes the casual observer.

3541

**steadfast**

She approached the guillotine with unfaltering steps.

3544

**infallibly**

My teacher unerringly pounced on the one typographical error in my essay.

3543

**liberated; freed from chains**

Chained to the wall for months on end, the hostage despaired that he would ever be unfettered.

3546

**genuine; real**

She turned so pale that I am sure her surprise was unfeigned.

3545

**to strip a priest or minister of church a**

To disbar a lawyer, to unfrock a priest, to suspend a doctor's license to practice--these are extreme steps that the authorities should take only after careful consideration.

3548

**immature**

It is hard for an unfledged writer to find a sympathetic publisher.

3547

**ointment**

Apply this unguent to the sore muscles before retiring.

3550

**awkward**

He is an ungainly young man; he trips over everything.

3549

**one-sided**

This legislation is unilateral since it binds only one party in the controversy.

3552

**sameness; consistency; monotony**

After a while, the uniformity of TV situation comedies becomes boring.

3551



## unrepressed

The congregation was shocked by her uninhibited laughter during the sermon.

3554

## blameless and exemplary

Her conduct in office was unimpeachable and her record is spotless.

3553

## without an equal; single in kind

You have the unique distinction of being the first student whom I have had to fail in this course.

3556

## unfrightening

Though Phil had expected to feel overawed when he met Joe Montana, he found the experience unthreatening and relaxing.

3555

## characterizing or affecting all; present in all

At first, no one shared Christopher's opinions; his theory that the world was round was met with universal disdain.

3558

## unity of pitch; complete accord

The choir sang in unison.

3557

## inconspicuous; not blatant

The secret service agents in charge of protecting the President tried to be as unobtrusive as possible.

3560

## disheveled; with uncared-for appearance

The beggar was dirty and unkempt.

3559

## unattractive

During adolescence many attractive young people somehow acquire the false notion that their appearance is unimpressive.

3562

## novel; unparalleled

Margaret Mitchell's book *Gone with the Wind* was an unprecedented success.

3561

## not reciprocated

Suffering the pangs of unrequited love, Olivia rebukes Cesario for his hard-heartedness.

3564

## disentangle; solve

With equal ease Miss Marple unraveled tangled balls of yarn and baffling murder mysteries.

3563

**distasteful; morally offensive**

People with unsavory reputations should not be allowed to work with young children.

3566

**disobedient; lawless**

The only way to curb this unruly mob is to use tear gas.

3565

**unbecoming; indecent**

Your levity is unseemly at this time of mourning.

3568

**unharmful**

They prayed he would come back from the war unscathed.

3567

**untarnished**

I am happy that my reputation is unsullied.

3570

**ugly**

Although James was an experienced emergency room nurse, he occasionally became queasy when faced with a particularly unsightly injury.

3569

**unfortunate; annoying**

Untoward circumstances prevent me from being with you on this festive occasion.

3572

**unsupportable**

I find your theory untenable and must reject it.

3571

**awkward; cumbersome; unmanageable**

The large carton was so unwieldy that the movers had trouble getting it up the stairs.

3574

**unjustified; groundless; undeserved**

We could not understand Martin's unwarranted rudeness to his mother's guests.

3573

**unaccustomed**

He hesitated to assume the unwonted role of master of ceremonies at the dinner.

3576

**unintentional; not knowing**

She was the unwitting tool of the swindlers

3575

**marked by commotion; extremely funny**

The uproarious comedy hit Home Alone featured Macaulay Culkin, whose mugging and comic antics provoked gales of uproarious laughter from audiences coast to coast.

3578

**scold; reproach**

I must upbraid him for his unruly behavior.

3577

**suave; refined; elegant**

The courtier was urbane and sophisticated

3580

**outcome**

The upshot of the rematch was that the former champion proved that he still possessed all the skills of his youth.

3579

**bearlike; pertaining to a bear**

Because of its ursine appearance, the great panda has been identified with the bears; actually, it is closely related to the raccoon.

3582

**mischievous child (usually a boy)**

Get out! This store is no place for grubby urchins!

3581

**lending money at illegal rates of interest**

The loan shark was found guilty of usury.

3584

**seize power; supplant**

The revolution ended when the victorious rebel leader usurped the throne.

3583

**excessively devoted to one's wife**

His friends laughed at him because he was so uxorious and submissive to his wife's desires.

3586

**imaginary land with perfect social and**

Shangri-la was the name of James Hilton's Tibetan utopia.

3585

**waver; fluctuate**

Uncertain which suitor she ought to marry, the princess vacillated, saying now one, now the other.

3588

**strengthen the base of**

Whereas relativity theory undermined the Newtonian mechanics, cosmology was undergirded by it.

3587

**wanderer; tramp**

In summer, college students wander the roads of Europe like carefree vagabonds.

3590

**empty; lacking in ideas; stupid**

The candidate's vacuous remarks annoyed the audience, who had hoped to hear more than empty platitudes

3589

**stray; random**

He tried to study, but could not collect his vagrant thoughts.

3592

**caprice; whim**

She followed every vagary of fashion.

3591

**boastful; excessively conceited**

She was a vainglorious and arrogant individual.

3594

**homeless wanderer**

Because he was a stranger in town with no visible means of support, Martin feared he would be jailed as a vagrant.

3593

**logically convincing; sound; legally accurate**

You're going to have to come up with a better argument if you want to convince me that your reasoning is valid.

3596

**pertaining to farewell**

I found the valedictory address too long; leave-taking should be brief.

3595

**bravery**

He received the Medal of Honor for his valor in battle.

3598

**confirm; ratify**

I will not publish my findings until I validate my results.

3597

**forerunners; advance forces**

We are the vanguard of a tremendous army that is following us.

3600

**ghostly being that sucks the blood of the living**

Children were afraid to go to sleep at night because of the many legends of vampires.

3599

**insipid; inane**

She delivered an uninspired and vapid address.

3602

**position giving an advantage**

They fired upon the enemy from behind trees, walls and any other point of vantage they could find.

3601

**in feudalism, one who held land of a su**

The lord demanded that his vassals contribute more to his military campaign.

3604

**many-colored**

Without her glasses, Gretchen saw the fields of tulips as a variegated blur.

3603

**change in direction**

After what seemed an eternity, the wind veered to the east and the storm abated.

3606

**boasted; bragged; highly publicized**

This much vaunted project proved a disappointment when it collapsed.

3605

**impetuous; with marked vigor**

He spoke with vehement eloquence in defense of his client.

3608

**live in a monotonous way**

I do not understand how you can vegetate in this quiet village after the adventurous life you have led.

3607

**capable of being bribed**

The venal policeman accepted the bribe offered him by the speeding motorist whom he had stopped.

3610

**speed**

The train went by at considerable velocity.

3609

**seller**

The fruit vendor sold her wares from a stall on the sidewalk.

3612

**blood feud**

The rival mobs engaged in a bitter vendetta.

3611

## deserving high respect

We do not mean to be disrespectful when we refuse to follow the advice of our venerable leader.

3614

## thin layer; cover

Casual acquaintances were deceived by his veneer of sophistication and failed to recognize his fundamental shallowness.

3613

## forgivable; trivial

We may regard a hungry man's stealing as a venial crime.

3616

## revere

In China, the people venerate their ancestors.

3615

## small opening; outlet

The wine did not flow because the air vent in the barrel was clogged.

3618

## the meat of a deer

The hunters dined on venison.

3617

## abdominal

We shall now examine the ventral plates of this serpent, not the dorsal side.

3620

## express; utter

He vented his wrath on his class.

3619

## bold

A group of venturesome women were the first to scale Mt. Annapurna.

3622

## someone who can make his or her voice

This ventriloquist does an act in which she has a conversation with a wooden dummy.

3621

## truthful

I can recommend him for this position because I have always found him veracious and reliable.

3624

## location

The attorney asked for a change of venue; he thought his client would do better if the trial were held in a less conservative county.

3623

## put into words

I know you don't like to talk about these things, but please try to verbalize your feelings.

3626

## truthfulness

Trying to prove Hill a liar, Senator Spector repeatedly questioned her veracity.

3625

## pompous array of words

After we had waded through all the verbiage, we discovered that the writer had said very little.

3628

## word for word

He repeated the message verbatim.

3627

## green; lush in vegetation

Monet's paintings of the verdant meadows were symphonies in green.

3630

## wordy

This article is too verbose; we must edit it.

3629

## border; edge

Madame Curie knew she was on the verge of discovering the secrets of radioactive elements.

3632

## green coating on copper which has been

Despite all attempts to protect the statue from the elements, it became coated with verdigris.

3631

## truth; reality

The four verities were revealed to Buddha during his long meditation.

3634

## appearance of truth; likelihood

Critics praised her for the verisimilitude of her performance as Lady Macbeth. She was completely believable.

3633

## pertaining to spring

We may expect vernal showers all during the month of April.

3636

## living language; natural style

Cut out those old-fashioned "thee's" and "thou's" and write in the vernacular.

3635

## summit

Let us drop a perpendicular line from the vertex of the triangle to the base.

3638

## having many talents; capable of workin

He was a versatile athlete; at college he had earned varsity letters in baseball, football, and track.

3637

## enthusiasm; liveliness

She approached her studies with such verve that it was impossible for her to do poorly.

3640

## dizziness

We test potential plane pilots for susceptibility to spells of vertigo.

3639

## annoy; distress

Please try not to vex your mother; she is doing the best she can.

3642

## trace; remains

We discovered vestiges of early Indian life in the cave.

3641

## food

There was a variety of viands at the feast.

3644

## capable of maintaining life; practicable

The infant, though prematurely born, is viable and has a good chance to survive.

3643

## change of fortune

Humbled by life's vicissitudes, the last emperor of China worked as a lowly gardener in the palace over which he had once ruled.

3646

## acting as a substitute; done by a deputy

Many people get a vicarious thrill at the movies by imagining they are the characters on the screen.

3645

## contend; compete

Politicians vie with one another, competing for donations and votes.

3648

## food

I am very happy to be able to provide you with these victuals; I know you are hungry.

3647



## active strength

Although he was over seventy years old, Jack had the vigor of a man in his prime.

3650

## watchfulness

Eternal vigilance is the price of liberty.

3649

## slander

She is a liar and is always trying to vilify my reputation.

3652

## picture; short literary sketch

The New Yorker published her latest vignette.

3651

## revengeful

She was very vindictive and never forgave an injury.

3654

## clear of charges

I hope to vindicate my client and return him to society as a free man.

3653

## poisonous snake

The habitat of the horned viper, a particularly venomous snake, is in sandy regions like the Sahara or the Sinai peninsula.

3656

## winemaker; seller of wine

The poet wondered what the vintners could buy that would be half as precious as the wine they sold.

3655

## in essence; for practical purposes

She is a virtual financial wizard when it comes to money matters.

3658

## manly

I do not accept the premise that a man is virile only when he is belligerent.

3657

## highly skilled artist

The child prodigy Yehudi Menuhin grew into a virtuoso whose virtuosity on the violin thrilled millions.

3660

## goodness; moral excellence; good qual

A virtue carried to extremes can turn into something resembling vice; humility, for example, can degenerate into servility and spinelessness.

3659

### disease communicator

The doctors are looking for a specific medicine to control this virus.

3662

### extremely poisonous

The virus is highly virulent and has made many of us ill for days.

3661

### felt in one's inner organs

She disliked the visceral sensations she had whenever she rode the roller coaster.

3664

### face; appearance

The stern visage of the judge indicated that she had decided to impose a severe penalty.

3663

### sticky, gluey

Melted tar is a viscous substance.

3666

### adhesive; gluey

The trunk of the maple tree was viscid with sap.

3665

### produced by imagination; fanciful; mythical

She was given to visionary schemes that never materialized.

3668

### tool for holding work in place

Before filling its edges, the keysmith took the blank key and fixed it firmly between the jaws of a vise.

3667

### spoil the effect of; make inoperative

Fraud will vitiate the contract.

3670

### vibrant and lively; critical; living, breathing

The vital, highly energetic first aid instructor stressed that it was vital in examining accident victims to note their vital signs.

3669

### corrosive; sarcastic

Such vitriolic criticism is uncalled for.

3672

### pertaining to or resembling glass

Although this plastic has many vitreous qualities such as transparency, it is unbreakable.

3671

**lively or animated; sprightly**

She had always been vivacious and sparkling.

3674

**abusive; scolding**

He became more vituperative as he realized that we were not going to grant him his wish.

3673

**female fox; ill-tempered woman**

Aware that she was right once again, he lost his temper and called her a shrew and a vixen.

3676

**act of dissecting living animals**

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals opposed vivisection and deplored the practice of using animals in scientific experiments.

3675

**popular fashion**

Jeans became the vogue on many college campuses.

3678

**clamorous; noisy**

The crowd grew vociferous in its anger and threatened to take the law into its own hands.

3677

**act of making a conscious choice**

She selected this dress of her own volition.

3680

**changeable; explosive; evaporating rap**

The political climate today is extremely volatile: no one can predict what the electorate will do next.

3679

**bulky; large**

Despite her family burdens, she kept up a voluminous correspondence with her friends.

3682

**fluent; glib**

She was a voluble speaker, always ready to talk.

3681

**ravenous**

The wolf is a voracious animal, its hunger never satisfied.

3684

**gratifying the senses**

The nobility during the Renaissance led voluptuous lives.

3683

**grant condescendingly; guarantee**

I can safely vouchsafe you fair return on your investment.

3686

**whirlwind; whirlpool; center of turbulence**

Sucked into the vortex of the tornado, Dorothy and Toto were carried from Kansas to Oz.

3685

**susceptible to wounds**

Achilles was vulnerable only in his heel.

3688

**Peeping**

Jill called Jack a voyeur when she caught him aiming his binoculars at a bedroom window of the house next door.

3687

**speak equivocally about an issue**

When asked directly about the governor's involvement in the savings and loan scandal, the press secretary waffled, talking all around the issue.

3690

**like a fox; crafty**

She disliked his sly ways, but granted him a certain vulpine intelligence.

3689

**mischievous; humorous; tricky**

He was a prankster who, unfortunately, often overlooked the damage he could cause with his waggish tricks.

3692

**moved gently by wind or waves**

Daydreaming, he gazed at the leaves that wafted past his window.

3691

**give up temporarily; yield**

I will waive my rights in this matter in order to expedite our reaching a proper decision.

3694

**homeless child or animal**

Although he already had eight cats, he could not resist adopting yet another feline waif.

3693

**having a pale or sickly color; pallid**

Suckling asked, "Why so pale and wan, fond lover?"

3696

**roll in; indulge in; become helpless**

The hippopotamus loves to wallow in the mud.

3695

**wiggle out; fake**

She tried to wangle an invitation to the party.

3698

**grow gradually smaller**

From now until December 21, the winter solstice, the hours of daylight will wane.

3697

**sing; babble**

Every morning the birds warbled outside her window.

3700

**unrestrained; willfully malicious; unch**

Pointing to the stack of bills, Sheldon criticized Sarah for her wanton expenditures. In response, Sara accused Sheldon of making an unfounded, wanton attack.

3699

**guarantee; assurance by seller**

The purchaser of this automobile is protected by the manufacturer's warranty that he will replace any defective part for five years or 50,000 miles.

3702

**justify; authorize**

Before the judge issues the injunction, you must convince her this action is warranted.

3701

**very cautious**

The spies grew wary as they approached the sentry.

3704

**tunnels in which rabbits live; crowded**

The tenement was a veritable warren, packed with people too poor to live elsewhere.

3703

**increase; grow**

With proper handling, his fortunes waxed and he became rich.

3706

**profligate**

He was denounced as a wastrel who had dissipated his inheritance.

3705

**accustom a baby not to nurse; give up ;**

He decided he would wean himself away from eating junk food and stick to fruits and vegetables.

3708

**ambush; lie in wait**

They agreed to waylay their victim as he passed through the dark alley going home.

3707

## mark from beating or whipping

The evidence of child abuse was very clear; Jennifer's small body was covered with welts and bruises.

3710

## endure the effects of weather or other f

He weathered the changes in his personal life with difficulty, as he had no one in whom to confide.

3709

## wallow

At the height of the battle, the casualties were so numerous that the victims weltered in their blood while waiting for medical attention.

3712

## turmoil; bewildering jumble

The existing welter of overlapping federal and state proclaims cries out for immediate reform.

3711

## young wolf, dog, tiger, etc.

This collie whelp won't do for breeding, but he'd make a fine pet.

3714

## cajole; coax; deceive by flattery

She knows she can wheedle almost anything she wants from her father.

3713

## puff or gust (of air, scent, etc.); hint

The slightest whiff of Old Spice cologne brought memories of George to her mind.

3716

## sharpen; stimulate

The odors from the kitchen are whetting my appetite; I will be ravenous by the time the meal is served.

3715

## neigh like a horse

When he laughed through his nose, it sounded as if he whinnied.

3718

## capricious; fanciful

He dismissed his generous gift to his college as a sentimental fancy, an old man's whimsical gesture.

3717

## pare; cut off bits

As a present for Aunt Polly, Tom whittled some clothespins out of a chunk of wood.

3720

## smallest speck

There is not a whit of intelligence or understanding in your observations.

3719

### intentional; headstrong

Donald had planned to kill his wife for months; clearly, her death was a case of deliberate, willful murder, not a crime of passion committed by a hasty, willful youth unable to foresee the consequences of his deeds.

3722

### ring of leaves around stem; ring

Identification by fingerprints is based on the difference in shape and number of whorls on the fingers.

3721

### shrink back; flinch

The screech of the chalk on the blackboard made her wince.

3724

### cunning; artful

She is as wily as a fox in avoiding trouble.

3723

### sift; separate good parts from bad

This test will winnow out the students who study from those who don't bother.

3726

### fallen fruit; unexpected lucky event

This huge tax refund is quite a windfall.

3725

### thin; slight; barely discernible

Worried about preserving his few wispy tufts of hair, Walter carefully massaged his scalp and applied hair restorer every night.

3728

### agreeable; gracious; engaging

By her winsome manner, she made herself liked by everyone who met her.

3727

### introverted; remote

Rebuffed by his colleagues, the initially outgoing young researcher became increasingly withdrawn.

3730

### vaguely longing; sadly pensive

With a last wistful glance at the happy couples dancing in the hall, Sue headed back to her room to study for her exam.

3729

### foolish; idiotic

Such witless and fatuous statements will create the impression that you are an ignorant individual.

3732

### shrivel; decay

Cut flowers are beautiful for a day, but all too soon they wither.

3731

**sorcery; magic**

Merlin amazed the knights with his wizardry.

3734

**witty saying; facetious remark**

What you regard as witticisms are often offensive to sensitive people.

3733

**custom; habitual procedure**

As was his wont, he jogged two miles every morning before going to work.

3736

**withered; shriveled**

The wizened old man in the home for the aged was still active and energetic.

3735

**quarrel; obtain through arguing; herd c**

They wrangled over their inheritance.

3738

**engrossed in matters of this earth; not s**

You must leave your worldly goods behind you when you go to meet your Maker.

3737

**inflict**

I am afraid he will wreak his vengeance on the innocent as well as the guilty.

3740

**anger; fury**

She turned to him, full of wrath, and said, "What makes you think I'll accept lower pay for this job than you get?"

3739

**pull away; take by violence**

With only ten seconds left to play, our team wrested victory from their grasp.

3742

**pull; strain; twist**

She wrenched free of her attacker and landed a powerful kick to his kneecap.

3741

**squirm, twist**

He was writhing in pain, desperate for the drug his body required.

3744

**written command issued by a court**

The hero of Leonard's novel is a process server who invents unorthodox ways of serving writs on reluctant parties.

3743



## fear or hatred of foreigners

When the refugee arrived in America, he was unprepared for the xenophobia he found there.

3746

## twisted; with a humorous twist

We enjoy Dorothy Parker's verse for its wry wit.

3745

## man owing small estate; middle-class f

It was not the aristocrat but the yeoman who determined the nation's policies.

3748

## longing; urge

She had a yen to get away and live on her own for a while.

3747

## give in; surrender

The wounded knight refused to yield to his foe.

3750

## amount produced; crop; income on inv

An experienced farmer can estimate the annual yield of his acres with surprising accuracy.

3749

## country bumpkin

At school, his classmates regarded him as a yokel and laughed at his rustic mannerisms.

3752

## join together, unite

I don't wish to be yoked to him in marriage, as if we were cattle pulling a plow.

3751

## crazy; comic

I can watch the Marx brothers' zany antics for hours.

3754

## time past

He dreamed of the elegant homes of yore, but gave no thought to their inelegant plumbing.

3753

## fanatic; person who shows excessive ze

It is good to have a few zealots in our group for their enthusiasm is contagious.

3756

## eager enthusiasm

Wang's zeal was contagious; soon all his fellow students were busily making posters, inspired by his ardent enthusiasm for the cause.

3755

gentle breeze; west wind

3758

point directly overhead in the sky; sun

When the sun was at its zenith, the glare was not as strong as at sunrise and sunset.

3757