

Word Wisdom Dictionary

PRONUNCIATION KEY

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A

ab•strac•t¹ /āb strākt' or āb' strākt'/ *adj.* not easily understood. *His abstract ideas left us confused and unsure.* — **ab•strac•t•ly** *adv.* — **ab•strac•t•ness** *n.*

ab•strac•t² /āb strākt' or āb' strākt'/ *adj.* consisting of designs or shapes that are not realistic forms. *We enjoyed the abstract art at the museum.* — **ab•strac•t•ly** *adv.* — **ab•strac•t•ness** *n.*

ab•strac•t³ /āb strākt'/ *v.* **ab•strac•t•ed**, **ab•strac•t•ing**, **ab•strac•t•s**. to take away; to remove. *In this experiment, we will abstract the fat from the cheese.*

ac•com•pa•ny /ə kŭm' pə nē or ə kŭmp' nē/ *v.* **ac•com•pa•nied**, **ac•com•pa•ny•ing**, **ac•com•pa•nies**. to go with. *I will accompany my brother to the airport.*

ad•mi•ra•ble /ād' mēr ə bəl/ *adj.* worthy of respect. *Her honesty was admirable.* — **ad•mi•ra•bly** *adv.*

ad•vance¹ /ād vāns'/ *v.* **ad•vanc•ed**, **ad•vanc•ing**, **ad•vanc•es**. to move forward or move ahead. *She advanced to second place in the contest.*

ad•vance² /ād vāns'/ *v.* **ad•vanc•ed**, **ad•vanc•ing**, **ad•vanc•es**. to pay ahead; to pay something before it is due. *Dad advanced my allowance so I could go to the movie.*

ad•vance³ /ād vāns'/ *n.* a payment ahead of time. *We gave the builder an advance to start work on the house.*

ad•ven•tur•ous /ād vĕn' chər əs/ *adj.* seeking new experience; willing to take risks; bold. *An adventurous group climbed the mountain.* — **ad•ven•tur•ous•ly** *adv.* — **ad•ven•tur•ous•ness** *n.*

af•fec•tion /ə fĕk' shən/ *n.* a tenderness felt for someone or something. *The child showed great affection for her doll.*

a•gree•a•ble¹ /ə grē' ə bəl/ *adj.* pleasing; pleasant. *Her agreeable personality won us over.* — **a•gree•a•bly** *adv.* — **a•gree•a•ble•ness** *n.*

a•gree•a•ble² /ə grē' ə bəl/ *adj.* ready to agree or consent. *I was agreeable to the picnic plans.* — **a•gree•a•bly** *adv.* — **a•gree•a•ble•ness** *n.*

an•noy /ə noi'/ *v.* **an•noy•ed**, **an•noy•ing**, **an•noys**. to bother; to irritate. *Gnats annoy me.*

anx•ious¹ /āngk' shəs or āng' shəs/ *adj.* worried; uneasy. *We became anxious when our dog didn't return immediately.* — **anx•ious•ly** *adv.* — **anx•ious•ness** *n.*

anx•ious² /āngk' shəs or āng' shəs/ *adj.* eagerly wishing. *They were anxious for the party to begin.* — **anx•ious•ly** *adv.* — **anx•ious•ness** *n.*

ap·par·ent¹ /ə pâr' ənt/ or ə pâr' ənt/ *adj.* easily seen; evident. *The stain on the white shirt was quite apparent.* — **ap·par·ent·ly** *adv.* — **ap·par·ent·ness** *n.*

ap·par·ent² /ə pâr' ənt/ or ə pâr' ənt/ *adj.* plainly understood; obvious. *It was apparent that they didn't understand the lesson.* — **ap·par·ent·ly** *adv.* — **ap·par·ent·ness** *n.*

ap·pa·ri·tion /âp' ə rîsh' ən/ *n.* a ghostly-looking image. *An apparition appeared in the dark window.*

ap·pear·ance¹ /ə pîr' əns/ *n.* the way a person looks to himself or herself or others. *The new hairstyle changed my appearance.*

ap·pear·ance² /ə pîr' əns/ *n.* the act of coming into view. *His sudden appearance startled me.*

ap·pear·ance³ /ə pîr' əns/ *n.* a false show. *The outraged customer put on a calm appearance.*

ap·pro·pri·ate¹ /ə prō' prē it/ *adj.* suitable or proper. *Heavy clothing will be appropriate for the northern trip.* — **ap·pro·pri·ate·ly** *adv.* — **ap·pro·pri·ate·ness** *n.*

ap·pro·pri·ate² /ə prō' prē ât/ *v.*
ap·pro·pri·at·ed, **ap·pro·pri·at·ing**,
ap·pro·pri·ates. to set apart or take. *The school district appropriated money for new books.* — **ap·pro·pri·a·tive** *adj.* — **ap·pro·pri·a·tor** *n.*

ap·prox·i·mate¹ /ə prōk' sə mît/ *adj.* almost exact. *The approximate time of our arrival was noon.* — **ap·prox·i·mate·ly** *adv.*

ap·prox·i·mate² /ə prōk' sə mât/ *v.*
ap·prox·i·mat·ed, **ap·prox·i·mat·ing**,
ap·prox·i·mates. to come close; to be nearly the same as. *The seating in the theater approximates two hundred.* — **ap·prox·i·mate·ly** *adv.*

aq·ua·ma·rine¹ /âk' wə mə rēn' or ä' kwə mə rēn'/ *n.* a pale blue-green color. *The water in the pool is aquamarine.*

aq·ua·ma·rine² /âk' wə mə rēn' or ä' kwə mə rēn'/ *n.* a pale blue-green gemstone. *Aquamarine is the March birthstone.*

a·quar·i·um /ə kwâr' ē əm/ *n., pl.*
a·quar·i·ums or **a·quar·i·a** /ə kwâr' ē ə/
a container of water for fish, animals, or plants. *Our classroom aquarium is filled with goldfish.*

a·quat·ic /ə kwât' ik/ or ə kwōt' ik/ *adj.* relating to water. *Aquatic plants are food for many fish.*

aq·ue·duct /âk' wī dukt'/ *n.* a pipe for carrying water. *The Romans built aqueducts to their cities.*

ar·chae·ol·o·gist or **ar·che·ol·o·gist** /âr' kē ōl' ə jîst/ *n.* a person who studies remains of objects from the past, such as tools and pottery. *My brother wants to be an archaeologist.*

a·shamed /ə shāmd'/ *adj.* feeling shame. *I felt ashamed for lying.* — **a·sham·ed·ly** /ə shā' mîd lē/ *adv.*

as·so·ci·a·tion /ə sō' sē ā' shən/ or ə sō' shē ā' shən/ *n.* a group of people with the same interests. *The parent association will meet to plan the school picnic.* — **as·so·ci·a·tion·al** *adj.*

as·sume /ə sōm'/ *v.* **as·sumed**, **as·sum·ing**,
as·sumes. to suppose. *I assume the plane will leave on time.* — **as·sum·a·ble** *adj.* — **as·sum·a·bly** *adv.* — **as·sum·er** *n.*

as·ter·oid /âs' tə roïd'/ *n.* a large chunk of rock orbiting the sun. *We looked through a telescope to see the asteroid.*

a·ston·ish /ə stōn' ish/ *v.* **a·ston·ished**,
a·ston·ish·ing, **a·ston·ish·es**. to surprise or amaze. *I was astonished to win the contest.* — **a·ston·ish·ing·ly** *adv.*

as·tro·naut /âs' trə nôt'/ *n.* a person who is trained to serve on a spacecraft. *An astronaut wears special clothes in space.*

as·tron·o·my /ə strōn' ə mē/ *n., pl.*
as·tron·o·mies. the study of stars and planets. *In my book about astronomy, I read about the Milky Way.*

at·mos·phere /ât' mə sfîr'/ *n.* the gases and air that surround our planet or other heavenly bodies. *Earth's atmosphere affects the weather.*

B

bac·te·ri·a /bāk tūr ē ə/ *n.*, *pl.* of
bac·te·ri·um /bāk tūr ē əm/ tiny, one-
 celled organisms, some of which can cause
 disease. *The harmful bacteria caused the
 child to become quite ill.*

bar·ri·er /bār ē ə/ *n.* something that blocks
 something else. *A barrier was placed at
 the entrance of the street.*

bil·low /bīl ō/ *v.* **bil·lowed**, **bil·low·ing**,
bil·lows. to surge; to wave. *The curtains
 billowed in the wind.* —**bil·low·y** *adj.*
 —**bil·low·i·ness** *n.*

bolt¹ /bōlt/ *n.* a threaded pin or rod used to
 hold things together. *We used bolts to put
 the boards together.*

bolt² /bōlt/ *n.* a rod; a sliding bar used for
 fastening. *Latch the bolt on the gate as
 you leave.*

bolt³ /bōlt/ *v.* **bolt·ed**, **bolt·ing**, **bolts**. to
 fasten with a bolt. *She bolted the baby
 swing to the floor so it wouldn't tip over.*

bolt⁴ /bōlt/ *v.* **bolt·ed**, **bolt·ing**, **bolts**. to
 move suddenly; to run away. *The horse
 bolted when the gate was opened.*

C

cam·pus /kām' pəs/ *n.*, *pl.* **cam·pus·es**. the
 grounds of a school or other institution.
I met my friend at the fountain on campus.

can·ter /kän' tər/ *v.* **can·tered**, **can·ter·ing**,
can·ters. to move at a slow, casual pace
 or gallop. *The horses cantered across the
 meadow.*

cav·ern /kāv' ərn/ *n.* a very large cave. *We
 found many bats in the dark cavern.*

cav·i·ty¹ /kāv' ī tē/ *n.*, *pl.* **cav·i·ties**. a hole or
 hollow area. *The constant rainfall caused
 a small cavity in the soft stone.*

cav·i·ty² /kāv' ī tē/ *n.*, *pl.* **cav·i·ties**. an area
 of decay in a tooth. *The dentist said I had
 one new cavity.*

cham·ber¹ /chām' bər/ *n.* a room. *The
 bedroom chambers of the castle were small.*

cham·ber² /chām' bər/ *n.* an enclosed space.
*A small chamber near the back of the cave
 stayed warm and dry.*

char·i·ty¹ /chār' ī tē/ *n.*, *pl.* **char·i·ties**.
 a fund or organization for helping the
 needy. *We will give money to a charity.*

char·i·ty² /chār' ī tē/ *n.*, *pl.* **char·i·ties**.
 goodwill toward others; a generous act.
*Helping the blind woman to cross the
 street was an act of charity.*

clar·i·ty /klār' ī tē/ *n.* the state or quality of
 being clear. *He explained the answer with
 clarity.*

clo·sure /klō' zhər/ *n.* the act of closing or
 shutting down. *The closure of the highway
 caused a major traffic jam.*

com·pas·sion·ate /kəm pāsh' ə nīt/ *adj.*
 feeling sympathy or compassion. *The
 nurse's compassionate care comforted the
 sick woman.* —**com·pas·sion·ate·ly** *adv.*

com·pat·i·ble /kəm pāt' ə bəl/ *adj.* in agree-
 ment; able to work together. *The teacher
 and his students seemed compatible.*
 —**com·pat·i·bly** *adv.*
 —**com·pat·i·bil·i·ty** *n.*

com·pli·ment¹ /kōm' plə mən't/ *n.* an expres-
 sion of praise or admiration. *It was a
 compliment to be asked to speak at the
 meeting.*

com·pli·ment² /kōm' plə mən't/ *v.*
com·pli·ment·ed, **com·pli·ment·ing**,
com·pli·ments. to praise. *The teacher
 complimented the students on their hard
 work.*

com·pro·mise¹ /kōm' prə mīz'/ *n.* an agree-
 ment in which each side gives up a little.
*The committee reached a compromise that
 made everyone happy.*

com·pro·mise² /kōm' prə mīz'/ *v.*
com·pro·mised, **com·pro·mis·ing**,
com·pro·mis·es. to settle a disagreement
 with a compromise. *I compromised and
 agreed to order veggie pizza instead of
 pepperoni.*
 —**com·pro·mis·er** *n.*

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/oo/	boot
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/ūr/	urge
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con•duct¹ /kən dʌkt/ *v.* con•duct•ed,

con•duct•ing, con•ducts. to lead or direct. *A volunteer conducted a tour through the museum.* — con•duct•i•ble *adj.*
— con•duct•i•bil•i•ty *n.*

con•duct² /kən dʌkt/ *v.* con•duct•ed,
con•duct•ing, con•ducts. to act in a certain way. *The children conducted themselves well during the play.* — con•duct•i•ble *adj.*
— con•duct•i•bil•i•ty *n.*

con•fess /kən fēs/ *v.* con•fessed, con•fess•ing,
con•fess•es. to admit a fault or deed. *Dad confessed that he had eaten the last cookie.*

con•fi•dent /kɒn' fi dən/ *adj.* sure of oneself. *He felt confident about his test performance.*
— con•fi•dent•ly *adv.*

con•gre•gate /kɒŋg' gri gāt/ *v.* con•gre•gat•ed,
con•gre•gat•ing, con•gre•gates. to gather together. *The children like to congregate in the toy area.* — con•gre•ga•tive *adj.*
— con•gre•ga•tor *n.*

con•quer /kɒŋg' kər/ *v.* con•quered,
con•quer•ing, con•quers. to defeat. *The swimmer conquered her fear of diving.*
— con•quer•a•ble *adj.* — con•quer•or *or*
con•quer•er *n.*

con•serve /kən sɜrv/ *v.* con•served,
con•serv•ing, con•serves. to use carefully and without wasting. *We must conserve our water supply.* — con•serv•a•ble *adj.*
— con•serv•er *n.*

con•sid•er•ate /kən sɪd' ə r ɪ/ *adj.* thoughtful; having regard for others' needs and feelings. *Our school nurse is considerate of our comfort.* — con•sid•er•ate•ly *adv.*
— con•sid•er•ate•ness *n.*

con•ta•gious /kən tā' jəs/ *adj.* able to be spread to others. *The flu is highly contagious.*
— con•ta•gious•ly *adv.* — con•ta•gious•ness *n.*

cor•rect¹ /kə rɛkt/ *v.* cor•rect•ed, cor•rect•ing,
cor•rects. to remove mistakes from. *The teacher had us correct our math tests.*
— cor•rect•ly *adv.* — cor•rect•ness *n.*

cor•rect² /kə rɛkt/ *adj.* accurate. *You have the correct answers.*

cour•teous /kūr' tē əs/ *adj.* being polite and considerate. *The store clerk was courteous to the customers.* — cour•teous•ly *adv.*
— cour•teous•ness *n.*

cran•ky /kræŋg' kē ədʒ/ *v.* cran•ky•ed, cran•ky•est,
cran•ky•ing, cran•kies. to complain. *He was cranky because he was tired.* — cran•ky•ly *adv.*
— cran•ky•ness *n.*

crat•er /krā' tər/ *n.* a bowl shaped hole in the earth. *The meteorite formed a crater in the earth.*

cun•ning /kūn' ɪŋ/ *adj.* sly, skilled at cheating or tricking. *The thief's cunning ways kept the police from catching him.* — cun•ning•ly *adv.*

cu•ri•ous /kyūr' ē əs/ *adj.* interested; eager to know more. *The child was curious about where the ants were going.* — cu•ri•ous•ly *adv.* — cu•ri•ous•ness *n.*

cus•tom /kūs' tən/ *n.* the habits of a particular group of people. *It is our family's custom to go out to eat for birthdays.*

D

dec•o•rate /dɛk' ə rāt/ *v.* dec•o•rat•ed,
dec•o•rat•ing, dec•o•rates. to furnish with something attractive; to make attractive. *The children decorated the cookies with frosting.*

dec•o•ra•tive /dɛk' ə r ə t ɪv or dɛk' ə r ā' t ɪv/ *adj.* ornamental. *She bought several decorative pillows for her couch.* — dec•o•ra•tive•ly *adv.*

de•fect¹ /dē' fɛkt' or dɪ fɛkt'/ *n.* an imperfection. *The beautiful new bike had a defect.*

de•fect² /dɪ fɛkt'/ *v.* de•fect•ed, de•fect•ing,
de•fects. to leave without permission; to desert. *The visiting athlete defected and refused to return to her native country.*
— de•fec•tor *n.*

de•form /dɪ fɔrm/ *v.* de•formed, de•form•ing,
de•forms. to misshape; to spoil the form or shape of. *Burning the candles will deform them.* — de•form•a•ble *adj.*

de•formed /dɪ fɔrmd'/ *adj.* misshapen. *The dog's deformed leg made it difficult for him to run.*

dem•on•strate /dɛm' ən strāt'/ *v.*
dem•on•strat•ed, dem•on•strat•ing,
dem•on•strates. to explain or show how to do something. *The teacher will demonstrate the correct way to work the math problem.*

dense /dɛns/ *adj.* dens•er, dens•est. crowded; thick. *The dense ivy covered the brick wall.*
— dense•ly *adv.* — dense•ness *n.*

de•scend /dī sēnd/ *v.* de•scend•ed.
 de•scend•ing, de•scends. to move down.
The plane descended through the clouds.

de•serve /dī zûrv/ *v.* de•served, de•serv•ing,
 de•serves. to be worthy of. *He deserves an
 award for his good work.*

de•sper•ate /dēs' pər it/ *adj.* nearly hopeless;
 showing despair. *The lost hikers were in a
 desperate situation.* —de•sper•ate•ly *adv.*
 —de•sper•ate•ness *n.*

de•sper•ate /dēs' pər it/ *adj.* reckless because
 of urgency. *The animals made a desperate
 attempt to escape the forest fire.*
 —de•sper•ate•ly *adv.* —de•sper•ate•ness *n.*

de•tect /dī tēkt/ *v.* de•tect•ed, de•tect•ing,
 de•tects. to notice or discover evidence
 of behavior or actions. *I could detect the
 sadness in his voice.* —de•tect•a•ble *or*
 de•tect•i•ble *adj.* —de•tect•er *n.*

de•ter•mine /dī tûr' mîn/ *v.* de•ter•mined,
 de•ter•min•ing, de•ter•mines. to decide
 firmly. *She determined to make the trip
 with me.*

de•ter•mined /dī tûr' mînd/ *adj.* firm;
 stubborn. *The determined child refused
 help.* —de•ter•mined•ly *adv.*
 —de•ter•mined•ness *n.*

di•ag•nose /dī' əg nōs' *or* dī' əg nōz/ *v.*
 di•ag•nosed, di•ag•nos•ing, di•ag•nos•es.
 to examine and identify. *The doctor
 diagnosed the problem.*

di•men•sion /dī mēn' shən *or* dī mēn' shən/ *n.*
 a measure of height, length, or width.
What are the dimensions of your room?
 —di•men•sion•al *adj.*
 —di•men•sion•al•ly *adv.*

di•rect /dī rēkt' *or* dī rēkt'/ *adj.* moving in a
 straight line. *Tell me the most direct route
 to your house.* —di•rect•ly *adv.*
 —di•rect•ness *n.*

di•rect /dī rēkt' *or* dī rēkt'/ *v.* di•direct•ed,
 di•direct•ing, di•directs. to move toward a
 goal. *The teacher directs the work of the
 class.*

di•rect /dī rēkt' *or* dī rēkt'/ *v.* di•direct•ed,
 di•direct•ing, di•directs. to aim; to cause to
 move in a certain way or direction. *The
 painter directed light onto his work.*

dis•as•ter /dī zās' tər/ *n.* a destructive event.
The fire at the hotel was a disaster.

dis•col•or /dīs kûl' ər/ *v.* dis•colored,
 dis•col•or•ing, dis•col•ors. to change or
 spoil the color; to stain. *The spilled juice
 discolored the tablecloth.*

dis•col•or•a•tion /dīs kûl' ə rā' shən/ *n.* a
 stain. *There was some discoloration in the
 cloth.*

dis•grace•ful /dīs grās' fəl/ *adj.* shameful.
Making fun of someone is disgraceful.
 —dis•grace•ful•ly *adv.*
 —dis•grace•ful•ness *n.*

dis•lo•cate /dīs' lō kāt' *or* dīs lō' kāt/ *v.*
 dis•lo•cat•ed, dis•lo•cat•ing, dis•lo•cates.
 to put out of place. *The flooding river
 dislocated the people who lived nearby.*
 —dis•lo•ca•tion *n.*

dis•please /dīs plēz'/ *v.* dis•pleased,
 dis•pleas•ing, dis•pleas•es. to cause
 annoyance; to make unhappy. *Gossip
 displeases me.* —dis•pleas•ing•ly *adv.*

dis•re•spect•ful /dīs' ri spēkt' fəl/ *adj.* rude
 and inconsiderate. *Talking loudly during
 a concert is disrespectful.*
 —dis•re•spect•ful•ly *adv.*
 —dis•re•spect•ful•ness *n.*

dis•tance /dīs' təns/ *n.* a stretch of space.
He can run the full distance.

dis•tance /dīs' təns/ *v.* dis•tanced,
 dis•tanc•ing, dis•tanc•es. to keep away.
Try to distance yourself from trouble.

dis•tinct /dī stīŋkt'/ *adj.* different. *The baby
 had a distinct cry when he was hungry.*
 —dis•tinct•ly *adv.*

dis•tinct /dī stīŋkt'/ *adj.* easily noticed by
 senses or intellect. *A distinct odor was
 coming from the store.* —dis•tinct•ly *adv.*

dis•tin•guish /dī stīŋ' gwīsh/ *v.*
 dis•tin•guished, dis•tin•guish•ing,
 dis•tin•guish•es. to recognize the
 difference. *Only their mother could
 distinguish one twin from the other.*
 —dis•tin•guish•a•ble *adj.*
 —dis•tin•guish•a•bly *adv.*

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dis•tin•guish /di stɪŋ ˈɡwɪʃ/ *v.*

dis•tin•guished, **dis•tin•guish•ing**,
dis•tin•guish•es. to make noticeable. *She distinguished herself in math class.*
— **dis•tin•guish•a•ble** *adj.*
— **dis•tin•guish•a•bly** *adv.*

do•mes•tic /də mēs' tɪk/ *adj.* relating to family or household. *We all help with the domestic chores.* — **do•mes•ti•cal•ly** *adv.*

do•mes•tic /də mēs' tɪk/ *adj.* tame. *A lion is not a domestic animal.* — **do•mes•ti•cal•ly** *adv.*

dor•mi•to•ry /dôr' mī tōr' ē or dôr' mī tōr' ē/ *n.*, *pl.* **dor•mi•to•ries**. a building for housing a number of people. *I will stay in the dormitory when I go to camp.*

drab /drāb/ *adj.* **drab•ber**, **drab•best**. dull. *The office was decorated in drab colors.*
— **drab•ly** *adv.* — **drab•ness** *n.*

E

el•e•vate /ēl' ə vāt/ *v.* **el•e•vat•ed**, **el•e•vat•ing**, **el•e•vates**. to raise; to lift. *The mechanic elevated the car to change the tires.*

el•e•va•tion /ēl' ə vā' shən/ *n.* the act of raising or lifting. *A large crane provided elevation for the heavy monument.*

em•blem /ēm' bləm/ *n.* a badge, symbol, or design used for identification. *The emblem on her shirt showed she was on the swim team.*

en•close /ēn klōz'/ or **in•close** /ɪn klōz'/ *v.*
en•closed, **en•clos•ing**, **en•clos•es**. to surround; to envelop. *A fence encloses the playground.*

en•light•en /ēn līt' n/ *v.* **en•light•ened**, **en•light•en•ing**, **en•light•ens**. to inform; to make clearer. *Please enlighten me about the dangers of poison ivy.*

epi•dem•ic /ēp' ĩ dēm' ĩk/ *n.* a disease that spreads rapidly. *There was a flu epidemic in our school.*

e•rect /ī rēkt'/ *v.* **e•rect•ed**, **e•rect•ing**, **e•rects**. to build; to construct. *The townspeople will erect a fountain in the park.*
— **e•rect•a•ble** *adj.* — **e•rect•ly** *adv.*
— **e•rect•ness** *n.*

e•rect /ī rēkt'/ *adj.* in an upright position. *The children practiced walking with erect posture.*
— **e•rect•a•ble** *adj.* — **e•rect•ly** *adv.*
— **e•rect•ness** *n.*

e•rup•tion /ī rūp' shən/ *n.* a sudden outburst or explosion. *The eruption of the volcano filled the sky with ashes.*

es•tate /ī stāt'/ *n.* a large piece of property, usually with a large house. *They live on a beautiful estate in the country.*

e•vade /ī vād'/ *v.* **e•vad•ed**, **e•vad•ing**, **e•vades**. to avoid; to escape. *I evade injury by wearing a bicycle helmet.*

ev•i•dence /ēv' ĩ dəns/ *n.* proof; facts or information that serves as proof. *The evidence against the criminal was enough for a long jail sentence.*

ev•i•dence /ēv' ĩ dəns/ *v.* **ev•i•denced**, **ev•i•denc•ing**, **ev•i•denc•es**. to show clearly. *Their good grades evidenced their hours of studying.* **in ev•i•dence** *idiom*. plain to see; conspicuous. *The effects of the storm were very much in evidence.*

ex•am•ine /ɪg zām' ĩn/ *v.* **ex•am•ined**, **ex•am•in•ing**, **ex•am•ines**. to look at closely; to check the condition. *The nurse examined the patient's eyes.* — **ex•am•in•er** *n.*

ex•ca•vate /ēk' skə vāt'/ *v.* **ex•ca•vat•ed**, **ex•ca•vat•ing**, **ex•ca•vates**. to dig out; to uncover. *We excavated the time capsule.*

ex•clude /ɪk sklōd'/ *v.* **ex•clud•ed**, **ex•clud•ing**, **ex•cludes**. to keep out; to prevent from being a part of. *The club cannot exclude them from becoming members.*

ex•hib•it /ɪg zīb' ĩt or ēg zīb' ĩt/ *v.* **ex•hib•it•ed**, **ex•hib•it•ing**, **ex•hib•its**. to show for all to see. *The museum will exhibit quilts made by local artists.* — **ex•hib•it•or** or **ex•hib•it•er** *n.*

ex•hib•it /ɪg zīb' ĩt or ēg zīb' ĩt/ *v.* **ex•hib•it•ed**, **ex•hib•it•ing**, **ex•hib•its**. to introduce in court as part of a trial. *The attorney exhibited two pictures during the trial.* — **ex•hib•it•or** or **ex•hib•it•er** *n.*

ex•hib•it /ɪg zīb' ĩt or ēg zīb' ĩt/ *n.* a public show. *The museum has an exhibit of old cars.*

ex•pand /ɪk spænd/ *v.* **ex•pand•ed**, **ex•pand•ing**, **ex•pands**. to increase in size or amount. *Our teacher wants us to expand our vocabulary.* —**ex•pand•a•ble** *adj.*

ex•pect¹ /ɪk spɛkt/ *v.* **ex•pect•ed**, **ex•pect•ing**, **ex•pects**. to look for as likely to happen. *I expect my cousins to arrive soon.* —**ex•pect•a•ble** *adj.* —**ex•pect•ed•ly** *adv.* —**ex•pect•ed•ness** *n.*

ex•pect² /ɪk spɛkt/ *v.* **ex•pect•ed**, **ex•pect•ing**, **ex•pects**. to assume or suppose. *I expect you will want a new shirt for the party.* —**ex•pect•a•ble** *adj.* —**ex•pect•ed•ly** *adv.* —**ex•pect•ed•ness** *n.*

ex•pect³ /ɪk spɛkt/ *v.* **ex•pect•ed**, **ex•pect•ing**, **ex•pects**. to require. *We expect an apology after your angry outburst.* —**ex•pect•a•ble** *adj.* —**ex•pect•ed•ly** *adv.* —**ex•pect•ed•ness** *n.*

ex•pe•di•tion /ɛk' spɪ dɪʃ' ən/ *n.* a long journey. *The scientists went on an expedition to Greenland.*

ex•port /ɪk spɔrt' or ɛk' spɔrt/ *v.* **ex•port•ed**, **ex•port•ing**, **ex•ports**. to send to another country. *The United States exports a lot of wheat and corn.* —**ex•port•a•ble** *adj.* —**ex•port•a•bil•i•ty** *n.* —**ex•port•er** *n.*

F

fab•ric /fæb' rɪk/ *n.* cloth. *We bought soft fabric for a new jacket.*

fa•cial¹ /fæ' shəl/ *adj.* having to do with the face. *His facial expressions were funny.* —**fa•cial•ly** *adv.*

fa•cial² /fæ' shəl/ *n.* a treatment for the face. *After the facial, her skin felt very smooth.*

fa•cil•i•ty /fə sɪl' ɪ tɪ/ *n., pl.* **fa•cil•i•ties**. something built for a particular function. *Our community has a great recreational facility.*

fa•mil•i•ar /fə mɪl' yər/ *adj.* having knowledge about something. *I am familiar with that store.* —**fa•mil•i•ar•ly** *adv.*

fa•vor•a•ble /fə vər ə bəl or fəv' rə bəl/ *adj.* helpful; agreeable. *The weather looks favorable for sailing.* —**fa•vor•a•ble•ness** *n.* —**fa•vor•a•bly** *adv.*

fe•ro•cious /fɛ rə' shəs/ *adj.* wild and fierce. *The kitten tried to act ferocious.* —**fe•ro•cious•ly** *adv.* —**fe•ro•cious•ness** *n.*

fe•ver•ish /fɛ' vər ɪʃ/ *adj.* having a high body temperature. *The baby was feverish.* —**fe•ver•ish•ly** *adv.* —**fe•ver•ish•ness** *n.*

for•eign /fɔr' ɪn or fɔr' ɪn/ *adj.* from another country. *We have several foreign students in our class.* —**for•eign•ness** *n.*

fore•sight /fɔr' sɪt' or fɔr' sɪt'/ *n.* the ability to see ahead. *It takes foresight to plan a successful vacation.*

form¹ /fɔrm/ *n.* the shape and structure of something. *Try to describe the form of a pyramid.*

form² /fɔrm/ *v.* **formed**, **form•ing**, **forms**. to give shape to something. *He formed the clay into a vase.* —**form•a•ble** *adj.* —**form•a•bil•i•ty** *n.*

for•mat¹ /fɔr' māt/ *n.* a plan or design; an arrangement. *I'd like to change the format of my bedroom.*

for•mat² /fɔr' māt/ *v.* **for•mat•ed**, **for•mat•ing**, **for•mats**. to plan or arrange something. *How would you like to format the school newspaper?*

for•ma•tion /fɔr mɑ' shən/ *n.* an arrangement; the way something is formed or grouped. *The band marched in a straight formation.* —**for•ma•tion•al** *adj.*

form•less /fɔrm' lɪs/ *adj.* shapeless. *The once formless water is now a beautiful ice sculpture.* —**form•less•ly** *adv.* —**form•less•ness** *n.*

for•tu•i•tous /fɔr tʊd' ɪ təs/ *adj.* lucky. *It was fortuitous that you found your lost keys.* —**for•tu•i•tous•ly** *adv.* —**for•tu•i•tous•ness** *n.*

for•tune¹ /fɔr' chən/ *n.* luck. *Did you have the good fortune of finding your lost kitten?*

for•tune² /fɔr' chən/ *n.* a large sum of money. *The new stadium cost a fortune.*

fos•sil /fɔs' əl/ *n.* the hardened remains of plants or animals from long ago. *I found the fossil of a leaf in a large rock.*

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/ĭr/	pier
/ō/	mop
/ō/	toe
/ô/	paw, for
/oi/	noise
/ou/	out
/oo/	look
/oo/	boot
/ū/	cut
/ūr/	urge
/th/	thin
/th/	this
/hw/	what
/zh/	vision
/ə/	about
	item
	pencil
	gallop
	circus
/ət/	butter

fragile¹ /frāj' əl or frāj' ɪl/ *adj.* frail; easily broken. *Pack these fragile teacups very carefully.* —**fragilely** *adv.* —**fragility** *n.* —**fragileness** *n.*

fragile² /frāj' əl or frāj' ɪl/ *adj.* frail; weak. *He was a bit fragile during his lengthy illness.* —**fragilely** *adv.* —**fragility** *n.* —**fragileness** *n.*

frailty /frāl' tē/ *n., pl. frailties.* a weakness; a fault. *The athlete didn't have a single physical frailty.*

fringe¹ /frɪnj/ *n.* a decorative border of hanging threads, cords, or strips. *The bottom of her skirt had a fringe.*

fringe² /frɪnj/ *n.* an outer edge or border. *A fringe of trees lined the park's boundary.*

fringe³ /frɪnj/ *v. fringed, fringing, fringes.* to serve as a fringe or border. *Rosebushes fringed the garden.*

frontier /frʊn tɪr' or frʊn' tɪr'/ *n.* an undeveloped area. *Early Americans explored new frontiers.*

furious /fyʊr' ē əs/ *adj.* extremely angry. *I was furious when my new coat got muddy.* —**furiously** *adv.* —**furiousness** *n.*

G

generous /jɛn' ə əs/ *adj.* not selfish; willing to share. *The child was generous with his toys.* —**generously** *adv.*

genius /jɛn' yəs/ *n., pl. geniuses.* a person with very high intelligence; extremely high mental or creative ability. *It will take a genius to solve this problem.*

genteel /jɛn tēl'/ *adj.* polite and well-mannered. *The elderly man and woman were so genteel.* —**genteelly** *adv.* —**genteelness** *n.*

genuine /jɛn' yō īn/ *adj.* real; true; sincere. *Her friendship is genuine.* —**genuinely** *adv.* —**genuineness** *n.*

geography /jē ɔg' rə fē/ *n., pl. geographies.* the study of the earth and its physical features, such as continents, water, climate, and resources. *We will study the geography of South America.* —**geographer** *n.*

geologist /jē ɔl' ə jɪst/ *n.* a scientist who studies the structure of the earth. *The geologist studied rock formations along the coastline.*

geometric /jē ɔ mēt' rɪk/ or **geometrical** /jē ɔ mēt' rɪ kəl/ *adj.* using simple shapes in design. *The artist cut the cloth into several geometric shapes.* —**geometrically** *adv.*

germ /jûrm/ *n.* a tiny organism, especially one that can make people sick. *Some germs spread rapidly.*

germinate /jûr' mə nāt'/ *v. germinated, germinating, germinates.* to make a seed grow. *The seeds will germinate with water and light.*

graceful /grās' fəl/ *adj.* showing grace in movement or form. *The swan looked very graceful as it glided through the water.* —**gracefully** *adv.* —**gracefulness** *n.*

gracious /grā' shəs/ *adj.* showing kindness, courtesy, or tact. *A gracious woman gave her seat to a mother carrying a child.* —**graciously** *adv.* —**graciousness** *n.*

grateful /grāt' fəl/ *adj.* appreciative of things or actions received; expressing thanks. *The man was grateful for his warm coat during the snowstorm.* —**gratefully** *adv.* —**gratefulness** *n.*

grueling or **grueling** /grōō' ə lɪŋ or grōō' lɪŋ/ *adj.* hard; exhausting. *The long walk home was grueling.* —**gruelingly** *adv.*

H

hazard¹ /hāz' ərd/ *n.* something that could cause harm or danger. *The hole in the middle of the street is a hazard.*

hazard² /hāz' ərd/ *v. hazarded, hazarding, hazards.* to expose to danger. *Police officers and firefighters hazard their lives each day.*

headway /hēd' wā'/ *n.* forward movement. *We finally made some headway through the traffic.*

herb /ûrb or hûrb/ *n.* a plant that can be used for medicine or seasoning. *Some herbs are used to make soothing teas.*

hesi·tant /hez' i tənt/ *adj.* not sure; doubtful; reluctant. *I was hesitant to cross the busy street.* —**hesi·tant·ly** *adv.*

hor·ri·fic /hō rīf' ik or ho rīf' ik/ *adj.* shocking; terrifying. *She saw a horrific fire.* —**hor·ri·fic·al·ly** *adv.*

hum·ble /hūm' bəl/ *adj.* **hum·bler**, **hum·blest**. modest; not proud. *It is often better to be humble than to brag too much.* —**hum·bly** *adv.* —**hum·ble·ness** *n.*

hum·ble² /hūm' bəl/ *v.* **hum·bled**, **hum·bling**, **hum·bles**. to cause to be modest. *Losing the game humbled the team.*

I

il·lu·mi·nate /i lōō' mə nāl' / *v.* **il·lu·mi·nat·ed**, **il·lu·mi·nat·ing**, **il·lu·mi·nates**. to provide light; to make clear. *Sunshine illuminates the room.*

il·lus·trate /il' ə strāt' or ī lūs' trāt' / *v.* **il·lus·trat·ed**, **il·lus·trat·ing**, **il·lus·trates**. to make clear with pictures or examples. *The author also illustrated the story.*

im·mune /i myōōn' / *adj.* protected from a disease. *The dog was immune to the disease.*

im·mu·nize /im' yə nīz' / *v.* **im·mu·nized**, **im·mu·niz·ing**, **im·mu·niz·es**. to protect from a disease. *It is important to immunize babies against illnesses.*

im·pass·a·ble /im pās' ə bəl/ *adj.* unable to be crossed. *Ice on the bridge made it impassable.* —**im·pass·a·bly** *adv.* —**im·pass·a·ble·ness** *n.* —**im·pass·a·bil·i·ty** *n.*

im·port /im pōrt' or im' pōrt' / *v.* **im·port·ed**, **im·port·ing**, **im·ports**. to bring goods in from another country. *The United States imports many goods from China.* —**im·port·a·ble** *adj.* —**im·port·a·bil·i·ty** *n.* —**im·port·er** *n.*

in·clude /in klōōd' / *v.* **in·clud·ed**, **in·clud·ing**, **in·cludes**. to allow to be part of. *I included all of my friends in the game.* —**in·clud·a·ble** or **in·clud·i·ble** *adj.*

in·con·sid·er·ate /in' kən' sīd' ə rē' tīd' / *adj.* thoughtless; not thinking of others. *It is inconsiderate to slam doors.* —**in·con·sid·er·ate·ly** *adv.* —**in·con·sid·er·ate·ness** *n.* —**in·con·sid·er·a·tion** *n.*

in·di·vid·u·al /in' də vīj' ōō əl' / *adj.* separate. *We have individual plans for dinner.* —**in·di·vid·u·al·ly** *adv.*

in·di·vid·u·al² /in' də vīj' ōō əl' / *n.* a single person or thing. *Each individual in our class will receive a book.*

in·fec·tion /in fēk' shən/ *n.* an illness caused by germs. *The throat infection caused her to miss school for a week.*

in·se·cure /in' si kyōōr' / *adj.* not sure; uncertain. *He felt insecure on the skateboard.* —**in·se·cure·ly** *adv.* —**in·se·cu·ri·ty** *n.* —**in·se·cure·ness** *n.*

in·spect /in spēkt' / *v.* **in·spect·ed**, **in·spect·ing**, **in·spect·s**. to review or examine. *The detective wanted to inspect all of the rooms in the hotel.* —**in·spec·tive** *adj.*

in·te·ri·or /in tīr' ē ər' / *n.* the inner part. *The interior of the house needs to be painted.*

in·vade¹ /in vād' / *v.* **in·vad·ed**, **in·vad·ing**, **in·vades**. to enter by force; to attack. *The soldiers invaded a village.* —**in·vad·er** *n.*

in·vade² /in vād' / *v.* **in·vad·ed**, **in·vad·ing**, **in·vades**. to overrun; to spread harm. *Flies invaded the house.* —**in·vad·er** *n.*

in·volve /in vōlv' / *v.* **in·volv·ed**, **in·volv·ing**, **in·volv·es**. to include or draw in. *What school activities are you involved in?* —**in·volve·ment** *n.*

ir·reg·u·lar¹ /i rēg' yə lər' / *adj.* not evenly shaped or arranged; uneven. *The puzzle pieces had irregular shapes.* —**ir·reg·u·lar·ly** *adv.* —**ir·reg·u·lar·i·ty** *n.*

ir·reg·u·lar² /i rēg' yə lər' / *adj.* different from the accepted rule or practice. *Our irregular class schedule was a result of this morning's assembly.* —**ir·reg·u·lar·ly** *adv.* —**ir·reg·u·lar·i·ty** *n.*

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/īr/	pier
/ō/	mop
/ō/	toe
/ō/	paw, for
/oi/	noise
/ou/	out
/ōō/	look
/ōō/	boot
/ū/	cut
/ūr/	urge
/th/	thin
/th/	this
/hw/	what
/zh/	vision
/ə/	about
	item
	pencil
	gallop
	circus
/ət/	butter

isolate /ɪˈsoʊlət/ *n.* isolated, isolation, isolate.
isolate, *v.* to separate from others. *We had to isolate the sick puppy.* —**isolate**•*for* *n.*

J

junction /ˈdʒʌŋkʃən/ *n.* a place where two roads or rail lines join or cross. *An accident occurred at the railroad junction.*
 —**junction**•*al* *adj.*

L

legible /ˈleɪjəbəl/ *adj.* can be read easily. *Be sure to use legible handwriting.*
 —**legibly** *adv.* —**legible**•*ity* *n.*
 —**legible**•*ness* *n.*

limestone /ˈlɪmstəʊn/ *n.* a type of rock. *We built a patio out of limestone.*

local /ləˈkæl/ *adj.* of the community. *We shop at the local grocery store.* —**local**•*ly* *adv.*

local /ləˈkæl/ *n.* one who lives in a certain area. *Ask the locals about the best places to eat.*

locale /ləˈkæl/ *n.* a particular place. *The locale of the movie is New York City.*

localism /ləˈkælɪzəm/ *n.* the custom of a certain area. *Their localism of an open market is quite different from my neighborhood grocery store.*

locality /ləˈkælɪti/ *n.* a neighborhood. *The stadium is in the locality of the school.*

localize /ləˈkælɪz/ *v.* **localized**, **localizing**, **localizes**, to restrict to a particular place or area. *The infection was localized in my hand.*

locomotion /ləˈkəməʊʃən/ *n.* the act of moving from one place to another. *Locomotion by dogsled is a good way to travel on snow.*

loyal /loɪəl/ *adj.* faithful. *The dog was loyal to its owner.* —**loyal**•*ly* *adv.*

luminous /ˈluːmɪnəs/ *adj.* giving off light; shining. *The stars were luminous against the night sky.* —**luminous**•*ly* *adv.*
 —**luminous**•*ness* *n.*

lunar /ˈluːnər/ *adj.* relating to the moon. *We watched a lunar eclipse last night.*

M

manacle /ˈmænəkəl/ *n.* handcuff; restraint. *The thief was taken away wearing a pair of manacles.*

manacle /ˈmænəkəl/ *v.* **manacled**, **manacling**, **manacles**, to put on restraints. *A police officer manacled the prisoner.*

manicure /ˈmænɪkyʊər/ *n.* a cosmetic treatment for hands and fingernails. *She got a manicure before attending the party.*

manicure /ˈmænɪkyʊər/ *v.* **manicured**, **manicuring**, **manicures**, to trim, clean, and polish the fingernails. *I manicure my fingernails every other week.*

manual /ˈmænʊəl/ *adj.* worked with the hands. *The machine has manual controls for adjusting speed.* —**manual**•*ly* *adv.*

manufacture /ˈmænʊfæktʃər/ *v.* **manufactured**, **manufacturing**, **manufactures**, to make with a machine. *The small company manufactures balloons.*

marvelous or **marvelous** /ˈmɑːrəvələs/ *adj.* causing wonder; amazing. *The personal computer is a marvelous invention.*
 —**marvelous**•*ly* *adv.* —**marvelous**•*ness* *n.*

maternal /ˈmætərnl/ *adj.* motherly. *Her maternal actions were very comforting.*
 —**maternal**•*ly* *adv.*

maternal /ˈmætərnl/ *adj.* related through a mother. *I look like my maternal grandmother.*
 —**maternal**•*ly* *adv.*

maternity /ˈmætərɪti/ *n.* having to do with motherhood. *I visited my friend in the maternity ward of the hospital.*

matriarch /ˈmɑːtriɑːrk/ *n.* the female head of a family. *My grandmother is the matriarch of our large family.* —**matriarch**•*al* *adj.*

meteorite /ˈmiːtəərɪt/ *n.* a chunk of solid matter that falls from space. *A meteorite landed near the farmhouse.*

meteorology /ˈmiːtəərɒlədʒi/ *n.* the study of weather. *If you study meteorology, you can learn to track storms.* —**meteorologist** *n.*

mi•grate /mī' grāt/ *v.* **mi•grat•ed**, **mi•grat•ing**, **mi•grates**. to move from one place to another. *Some birds migrate between North America and South America.*

mi•gra•tion /mī' grā' shən/ *n.* the act of moving from one place to another. *The migration of workers in search of jobs was common during the 1930s.*

mis•er•y /mīz' ə rē/ *n., pl. mis•er•ies*. suffering; distress. *He was in misery with his bad cold.*

mis•for•tune /mīs fôr' chən/ *n.* bad luck. *It was her misfortune to spill chocolate on her new dress.*

mo•bile¹ /mō' bəl or mō' bēl' or mō' bīl'/ *adj.* able to move. *He was less mobile after his surgery.* —**mo•bil•i•ty** *n.*

mo•bile² /mō' bēl'/ *n.* a kind of sculpture with moving parts. *A mobile hung above the baby's crib.*

mod•est /mōd' ɪst/ *adj.* reserved; not showy. *The winners were modest about their success.* —**mod•est•ly** *adv.*

murk•y /mûr' kē/ *adj.* **murk•i•er**, **murk•i•est**. gloomy; dark. *The river water was murky.* —**murk•i•ly** *adv.* —**murk•i•ness** *n.*

N

no•ble /nō' bəl/ *adj.* **no•bler**, **no•blest**. admirable; courageous. *He worked for a noble cause.* —**no•ble•ness** *n.* —**no•bly** *adv.*

no•tice•a•ble /nō' tī sə bəl/ *adj.* easily seen. *The wrinkles in his shirt were really noticeable.* —**no•tice•a•bly** *adv.*

O

ob•serve¹ /əb zûrv'/ *v.* **ob•served**, **ob•serv•ing**, **ob•serves**. to notice or watch. *We observe the animals at the wildlife center.* —**ob•serv•ing•ly** *adv.*

ob•serve² /əb zûrv'/ *v.* **ob•served**, **ob•serv•ing**, **ob•serves**. to obey or comply with. *We will observe all the rules of the game.* —**ob•serv•ing•ly** *adv.*

ob•serve³ /əb zûrv'/ *v.* **ob•served**, **ob•serv•ing**, **ob•serves**. to celebrate or give honor to a day or event. *We will observe my sister's birthday with a party.* —**ob•serv•ing•ly** *adv.*

ob•sta•cle /əb' stə kəl/ *n.* something in the way. *I can't open the door because there is an obstacle in the way.*

ob•vi•ous /əb' vē əs/ *adj.* easy to see or understand. *His red shirt was quite obvious next to the white uniforms.* —**ob•vi•ous•ly** *adv.* —**ob•vi•ous•ness** *n.*

P

pace /pās/ *n.* the rate of speed of walking or running. *It was hard to keep up with his fast pace.*

par•al•lel¹ /pār ə lēl'/ *adj.* lying in the same plane and being equally distant. *Draw parallel lines on your paper.*

par•al•lel² /pār ə lēl'/ *v.* **par•al•leled**, **par•al•leling**, **par•al•els** or **par•al•lelled**, **par•al•leling**, **par•al•els**. to be in the same plane and equally distant. *The two streets parallel each other.*

par•tic•i•pate /pār tīs' ə pāt'/ *v.* **par•tic•i•pat•ed**, **par•tic•i•pat•ing**, **par•tic•i•pates**. to join with others to do something. *Our class participates in the school art contest.* —**par•tic•i•pa•tive** *adj.* —**par•tic•i•pa•tor** *n.*

par•tic•i•pa•tion /pār tīs' ə pā' shən/ *n.* the act of taking part in something. *His participation in sports keeps him quite busy.*

pas•sage /pās' ɪj/ *n.* a path or route. *The trail took us through a rocky passage.*

pas•sive /pās' ɪv/ *adj.* accepting without resistance. *He was a passive member of the committee.* —**pas•sive•ly** *adv.* —**pas•sive•ness** *n.*

pa•ter•nal¹ /pə tûr' nəl/ *adj.* fatherly. *My older brother sometimes gives out paternal advice.* —**pa•ter•nal•ly** *adv.*

pa•ter•nal² /pə tûr' nəl/ *adj.* related through a father. *My paternal grandfather was from Germany.* —**pa•ter•nal•ly** *adv.*

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- patient**¹ /pā' shənt/ *adj.* willing to wait; willing to put up with problems. *The shopper was patient as he waited in line.* —**patiently** *adv.*
- patient**² /pā' shənt/ *n.* someone who gets medical attention. *The patient was waiting to see the doctor.*
- patriarch** /pā' trē' ārk/ *n.* the male head of a family. *The patriarch of the tribe was brave and strong.* —**patriarchal** *adj.*
- patron** /pā' trən/ *n.* a regular customer. *My aunt is a patron of art galleries.*
- pedal** /pēd' ə/ *n.* a lever worked with the foot. *The bike pedal needed some repair.*
- pedal**² /pēd' ə/ *v.* **pedaled, pedaling, pedals** or **pedalled, pedalling, pedals.** to operate with the feet. *It is hard to pedal my bike up hills.*
- pedestal** /pēd' ə stəl/ *n.* a base for holding something. *The statue stood on a large pedestal made of stone.*
- pedestrian** /pə dēs' trē ən/ *n.* a person traveling on foot. *The pedestrian used the crosswalk.*
- pedicure** /pēd' ə kyōōr/ *n.* a cosmetic treatment for feet and toenails. *She put on her sandals after the pedicure.*
- peninsula** /pə nīn' syə lə or pə nīn' sə lə/ *n.* a piece of land that juts out into water but remains connected to land. *The state of Florida is a peninsula.*
- permanent** /pūr' mə nənt/ *adj.* lasting a very long time. *Campers label their clothes with permanent ink.* —**permanently** *adv.*
- personal** /pūr' sə nəl/ *adj.* relating to a particular person. *I write personal things in my diary.*
- perspective**¹ /pər spēk' tīv/ *n.* a point of view. *From my perspective, the book was good.*
- perspective**² /pər spēk' tīv/ *n.* a way to show dimension. *The artist's use of color gave perspective to the painting.*
- physician** /fī zīsh' ən/ *n.* a medical doctor. *My physician met me at the hospital.*
- pleasant**¹ /plēz' ənt/ *adj.* **pleasant, pleasant, pleasant.** pleasing; nice. *The quietness of the room was pleasant.* —**pleasantly** *adv.* —**pleasantness** *n.*
- pleasant**² /plēz' ənt/ *adj.* **pleasant, pleasant, pleasant.** fair and comfortable. *We enjoyed the pleasant weather.* —**pleasantly** *adv.* —**pleasantness** *n.*
- pleasure** /plēzh' ərl/ *n.* a source of enjoyment. *Having lunch with friends is such a pleasure.*
- podiatrist** /pə dī' ə trīst/ *n.* a doctor who treats feet. *The podiatrist told him to wear a special kind of shoe.*
- pollute** /pə lōōt/ *v.* **polluted, polluting, pollutes.** to make impure or harmful to living things. *We should not pollute our rivers.* —**polluter** *n.*
- popular** /pöp' yə lər/ *adj.* liked by many people. *That movie star is popular among teens.* —**popularly** *adv.*
- population** /pöp' yə lā' shən/ *n.* all the people in a particular place. *The population of the city has grown in the past few years.*
- portable** /pôr' tə bəl/ *adj.* capable of being carried. *He took his portable radio everywhere.* —**portably** *adv.* —**portableness** *n.* —**portability** *n.*
- porter** /pôr' tər/ *n.* someone who carries luggage. *Give your luggage to the porter at the hotel.*
- precious** /prēsh' əs/ *adj.* dear; beloved. *She is such a precious baby.* —**preciously** *adv.* —**preciousness** *n.*
- prescription** /prī skrīp' shən/ *n.* a written instruction from a doctor to a patient for medicine or for a particular treatment. *The doctor wrote a prescription for cold medicine.*
- preserve**¹ /prī zûrv/ *v.* **preserved, preserving, preserves.** to save; to protect. *Conservation groups work to preserve wilderness areas.* —**preserver** *n.*
- preserve**² /prī zûrv/ *v.* **preserved, preserving, preserves.** to prepare for future use. *My mom will preserve peaches by canning them.* —**preserver** *n.*
- preview**¹ /prē' vyōō/ *n.* something seen in advance. *We saw a preview of the movie.*
- preview**² /prē' vyōō/ *v.* **previewed, previewing, previews.** to show in advance. *The theater previewed two films that will soon be released.*

privacy /prɪˈvəsi/ *n.* the state of being alone. *She likes privacy when she is studying.*

promote /prəˈmɒt/ *v.* **promoted**, **promoting**, **promotes**. to raise to a higher level; to advance. *The teacher will promote her fourth-grade students to the fifth grade.*

promote /prəˈmɒt/ *v.* **promoted**, **promoting**, **promotes**. to help the growth or development of. *Daily brushing and flossing promote healthy teeth and gums.*

promotion /prəˈmɒʃən/ *n.* the act of raising to a higher level. *The manager gave my brother a promotion.*

provide /prəˈvɪd/ *v.* **provided**, **providing**, **provides**. to furnish or make available. *The boys provided food for the party.* —**provider** *n.*

provide /prəˈvɪd/ *v.* **provided**, **providing**, **provides**. to furnish a livelihood. *Parents want to provide well for their families.* —**provider** *n.*

province /prɒvˈɪns/ *n.* a subdivision of a country. *Canada is divided into provinces.*

public /ˈpʌbˈlɪk/ *adj.* for use by everyone; not private. *There are many public swimming pools in our community.* —**publicness** *n.*

public /ˈpʌbˈlɪk/ *n.* the community. *The police would not give out information on the crime to the public.* —**publicness** *n.*

publicity /pʌˈblɪsˈɪtɪ/ *n.* news given out to get attention. *There was much publicity for the new movie.*

R

ra·vine /rəˈveɪn/ *n.* a deep gully caused by running water. *The heavy rainfall formed a ravine between the two houses.*

re·as·sure /rɪˈəʃʊər/ *v.* **reassured**, **reassuring**, **reassures**. to restore confidence. *We reassure the students that they are doing a good job.* —**reassuringly** *adv.* —**reassurance** *n.*

rec·tan·gu·lar /rɛkˈtæŋɡʊlər/ *adj.* having four sides with four right angles. *The fireplace opening was rectangular.*

re·gion /rɛˈdʒən/ *n.* a large area. *They live in a very cold region of the world.*

reg·u·lar /rɛɡˈjʊlər/ *adj.* usual; normal. *The building had a regular shape.* —**regularly** *adv.*

re·lo·cate /rɛˈləʊkɑː/ *v.* **relocated**, **relocating**, **relocates**. to establish in a new place. *We relocated to Kansas to be closer to my grandparents.*

re·lo·ca·tion /rɛˈləʊkɑːʃən/ *n.* the act of establishing in a new place. *The relocation of the library was a good decision.*

rem·e·dy /rɛmˈɪdɪ/ *n., pl. remedies*. something that relieves pain. *The nurse had a remedy for headaches.*

rem·e·dy /rɛmˈɪdɪ/ *v.* **remedied**, **remedying**, **remedies**. to relieve or cure. *My dad called to see if the doctor could remedy his backache.*

rep·u·ta·tion /rɛpˈjʊtɑːʃən/ *n.* the qualities for which someone or something is known. *Hal has a reputation for arriving late.*

re·sem·ble /rɪˈzɛmˈbəl/ *v.* **resembled**, **resembling**, **resembles**. to be alike or nearly alike. *The baby kittens resemble yellow balls of fur.*

res·er·voir /rɛzˈɜːvɔːr or rɛzˈɜːvɔːr/ *n.* a natural or artificial place for storing water; a large supply. *The water in the town reservoir is almost gone.*

re·treat /rɪˈtriːt/ *v.* **retreated**, **retreating**, **retreats**. to withdraw from danger or move back. *The children retreated to camp when the storm clouds appeared.*

re·treat /rɪˈtriːt/ *n.* a quiet place to withdraw to. *The cabin in the woods is our retreat.*

ri·val /rɪˈvəl/ *n.* a competitor. *My rival in the race ran faster than I did.*

ri·val /rɪˈvəl/ *v.* **rivalled**, **rivaling**, **rivals** or **rivalled**, **rival·ling**, **rivals**. to compete with. *The two students rivalled for the title of best speller.*

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ro•tate /rō' tā/ *v.* **ro•tat•ed**, **ro•tat•ing**,
ro•tates. to spin on an axis. *The fan blades rotate rapidly.*

ro•ta•tion /rō' tā' shən/ *n.* the act of spinning on an axis. *One rotation of the earth takes twenty-four hours.*

ru•ral /rūr' əl/ *adj.* relating to a country area. *We live in a rural area one hundred miles south of Chicago.* —**ru•ral•ly** *adv.*

S

san•i•tar•y /sān' ī tēr' ē/ *adj.* free from dirt, germs, or bacteria. *Surgeons scrub their hands to make sure they are sanitary.*
—**san•i•tar•i•ly** *adv.*

san•i•tize /sān' ī tīz'/ *v.* **san•i•tized**,
san•i•tiz•ing, **san•i•tiz•es**. to clean germs from something. *Make sure to sanitize your hands before preparing dinner.*

scan¹ /skān/ *v.* **scanned**, **scan•ning**, **scans**. to look over an area rapidly but thoroughly. *Dad began to scan the want ads.*
—**scan•na•ble** *adj.* —**scan•ner** *n.*

scan² /skān/ *v.* **scanned**, **scan•ning**, **scans**. to search electronically. *Scientists scan the ocean floor with sonar equipment.*
—**scan•na•ble** *adj.* —**scan•ner** *n.*

se•cu•ri•ty /sī kyūr' ī tē/ *n., pl. se•cu•ri•ties*. freedom from danger; safety. *The baby responded to the security of his father's strong arms.*

shim•mer /shīm' ər/ *v.* **shim•mered**,
shim•mer•ing, **shim•mers**. to shine with a flickering light. *The fireflies shimmer in the dark.* —**shim•mer•y** *adj.*

shuf•fle¹ /shūf' əl/ *v.* **shuf•fled**, **shuf•fling**,
shuf•fles. to drag or slide the feet along the ground when walking. *The old woman shuffled down the hallway.*

shuf•fle² /shūf' əl/ *v.* **shuf•fled**, **shuf•fling**,
shuf•fles. to mix or stir. *We took turns shuffling the cards before each game.*

siege /sēj/ *n.* the surrounding of a town or fortress; a lengthy attack. *After a ten-day siege, the fort finally surrendered.*

sink•hole /sīngk' hōl/ *n.* a sunken place in the earth. *The small stream disappeared into a sinkhole.*

so•cial¹ /sō' shəl/ *adj.* enjoying the company of others. *The social behavior of the salesman helped him gain new customers.*
—**so•cial•ly** *adv.*

so•cial² /sō' shəl/ *n.* an informal gathering. *There is an ice cream social this weekend.*

so•ci•e•ty¹ /sō sī' ī tē/ *n., pl. so•ci•e•ties*. a group of people with shared traditions and culture. *In U.S. society, people have certain freedoms that cannot be taken away.*

so•ci•e•ty² /sō sī' ī tē/ *n., pl. so•ci•e•ties*. a group of people with the same interests. *Our school's literary society meets once each month.*

spe•cif•ic /spī sīf' ik/ *adj.* explicit or definite. *He asked for a specific amount of money.*
—**spe•cif•i•cal•ly** *adv.*

spe•ci•men /spēs' ə mən/ *n.* a sample. *The nurse took a blood specimen to the lab.*

stance¹ /stāns/ *n.* posture or position. *The old horse had a strange stance.*

stance² /stāns/ *n.* an attitude; a position. *What is your stance on the issue?*

sta•tion¹ /stā' shən/ *n.* a place where a service is provided. *We need to stop at the gas station.*

sta•tion² /stā' shən/ *v.* **sta•tioned**, **sta•tion•ing**,
sta•tions. to assign to a place. *The king stationed a guard at the gate.*

sta•tion•ar•y /stā' shə nēr' ē/ *adj.* not moving. *I ride a stationary bicycle when it's too cold to ride outside.*

sta•tion•er•y /stā' shə nēr' ē/ *n.* writing paper. *He wrote a letter on his new stationery.*

stel•lar¹ /stēl' ər/ *adj.* relating to stars. *The night sky was a stellar display.*

stel•lar² /stēl' ər/ *adj.* outstanding. *The musician gave a stellar performance.*

stin•gy /stīn' jē/ *adj.* **stin•gi•er**, **stin•gi•est**. unwilling to give things or spend money. *They were stingy with their money.*
—**stin•gi•ly** *adv.* —**stin•gi•ness** *n.*

strait¹ /strāt/ *n.* a channel of water that connects two larger bodies of water. *The ship sailed through the narrow strait into open water.*

strait¹ /sraɪ/ *n.* distress; difficulty; trouble.
We were in desperate straits without electricity.

stur•dy /stûr' dē/ *adj.* **stur•di•er**, **stur•di•est**.
 stout; firm; substantial. *The coat was made of a sturdy material.* —**stur•di•ly** *adv.*
 —**stur•di•ness** *n.*

sur•geon /sûr' jən/ *n.* a doctor who performs operations. *The surgeon will take out my appendix.*

sur•pass /sər pās'/ *v.* **sur•passed**, **sur•pass•ing**, **sur•pass•es**. to go beyond. *The magic show surpassed our expectations.*

syn•thet•ic /sîn thēt' ik/ *adj.* not made in or from nature or natural materials; made by people. *Some clothing is made of synthetic material.* —**syn•thet•i•cal•ly** *adv.*

T

tel•e•vise /tēl' ə vīz'/ *v.* **tel•e•vised**, **tel•e•vis•ing**, **tel•e•vises**. to show on television. *We will watch the game if they televise it.*

tor•ment¹ /tôr' mēnt'/ *n.* great physical pain; mental anguish. *The headache caused her great torment.* —**tor•men•tor** *n.*

tor•ment² /tôr mēnt' or tôr' mēnt'/ *v.* **tor•ment•ed**, **tor•ment•ing**, **tor•ments**. to cause pain or mental anguish. *Terrible nightmares tormented her.* —**tor•men•tor** *n.*

tor•ment³ /tôr mēnt' or tôr' mēnt'/ *v.* **tor•ment•ed**, **tor•ment•ing**, **tor•ments**. to annoy. *The flies torment the cattle.* —**tor•men•tor** *n.*

tox•ic /tök' sīk/ *adj.* poisonous. *He was very sick from breathing the toxic smoke.*

trans•par•ent¹ /trāns pār' ənt/ *adj.* easy to see through. *The fabric for the bridal veil was transparent.* —**trans•par•ent•ly** *adv.*

trans•par•ent² /trāns pār' ənt/ *adj.* easy to understand or detect. *The lie the child told was transparent.* —**trans•par•ent•ly** *adv.*

trans•port /trāns pōrt'/ *v.* **trans•port•ed**, **trans•port•ing**, **trans•ports**. to carry from one place to another. *The truck transported mail overnight.* —**trans•port•a•ble** *adj.*
 —**trans•por•tive** *adj.*
 —**trans•port•a•bil•i•ty** *n.*
 —**trans•port•er** *n.*

trans•por•ta•tion /trāns' pər tā' shən/ *n.* the act of carrying from one place to another. *The school provides bus transportation for many students.*

trek¹ /trēk'/ *v.* **trekked**, **trek•king**, **treks**. to travel a slow and difficult journey. *The arctic explorers trekked up the steep and icy slopes.* —**trek•ker** *n.*

trek² /trēk'/ *n.* a slow, often difficult journey. *Our trek up the mountain made us very tired.* —**trek•ker** *n.*

trem•or¹ /trēm' ər/ *n.* a shaking movement. *I felt a tremor just before the earthquake.*

trem•or² /trēm' ər/ *n.* a muscle twitch. *Her hand had a slight tremor.*

tres•pass /trēs' pəs or trēs' pās'/ *v.* **tres•passed**, **tres•pass•ing**, **tres•pass•es**. to enter without permission. *Do not trespass on private property.* —**tres•pass•er** *n.*

U

un•for•tu•nate /ūn fôr' chə nī/ *adj.* unlucky. *The unfortunate accident caused her to fear trains.* —**un•for•tu•nate•ly** *adv.*

u•ni•form¹ /yōō' nə fōrm'/ *adj.* the same; unchanging. *The bricks were uniform in size.* —**u•ni•form•ly** *adv.* —**u•ni•for•mi•ty** *n.*

u•ni•form² /yōō' nə fōrm'/ *n.* clothing that identifies a particular group. *The nurse wore a white uniform.*

ur•ban /ûr' bən/ *adj.* relating to a city. *The urban streets were crowded with people.*

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vac•ci•nate /vāk' sə nāt'/ *v.* **vac•ci•nat•ed**, **vac•ci•nat•ing**, **vac•ci•nates**. to give an injection made from weak or dead germs that prevents a disease. *Our dog is vaccinated once a year.*

vac•cine /vāk sēn' or vāk' sēn'/ *n.* an injection made from weak or dead germs that prevents a disease. *There wasn't enough flu vaccine for all the doctor's patients.*

van•ish¹ /vān' ish/ *v.* **van•ished**, **van•ish•ing**, **van•ish•es**. to disappear. *The magician's doves seemed to vanish into thin air.*

van•ish² /vān' ish/ *v.* **van•ished**, **van•ish•ing**, **van•ish•es**. to disappear from existence. *The typewriter is vanishing with the popularity of computers.*

vi•sa /vē' zə/ *n.* an official permission stamp allowing a traveler to enter or exit a certain country. *The officer checked my visa before allowing me into his country.*

vi•su•al¹ /vīzh' ō əl/ *adj.* having to do with sight. *His visual range is considered 20/20.*
—**vi•su•al•ly** *adv.*

vi•su•al² /vīzh' ō əl/ *adj.* visible. *The visual beauty of the painting was remarkable.*
—**vi•su•al•ly** *adv.*

viv•id /vīv' id/ *adj.* **viv•id•er**, **viv•id•est**. bright and distinct; brilliant. *The vivid colors of the summer roses drew our eyes to the garden.*
—**viv•id•ly** *adv.* —**viv•id•ness** *n.*