

Word Wisdom Dictionary

PRONUNCIATION KEY

/ă/	pat
/ā/	pay
/â/	care
/ä/	father,
/är/	far
/ë/	pet
/ē/	be
/ï/	pit
/ī/	pie
/îr/	pier
/ö/	mop
/ō/	toe
/ô/	paw, for
/oi/	noise
/ou/	out
/oo/	look
/oo/	boot
/ü/	cut
/ûr/	urge
/th/	thin
/th/	this
/hw/	what
/zh/	vision
/ə/	about
	item
	pencil
	gallop
	circus
/ər/	butter

A

a•ban•don /ə bän' dən/ *v.* **a•ban•doned**, **a•ban•don•ing**, **a•ban•dons**. to leave behind; to give up. *The passengers abandoned the sinking ship.*
—**a•ban•don•ment** *n.*

a•bun•dant /ə bün' dənt/ *adj.* plentiful. *The squirrels have an abundant supply of acorns.* —**a•bun•dant•ly** *adv.*

ac•cel•er•ate¹ /äk səl' ə rāt/ *v.*
ac•cel•er•at•ed, **ac•cel•er•at•ing**,
ac•cel•er•ates. to go faster. *The sled accelerates as it goes down the hill.*
—**ac•cel•er•a•tive** *adj.*
—**ac•cel•er•a•tion** *n.*

ac•cel•er•ate² /äk səl' ə rāt/ *v.*
ac•cel•er•at•ed, **ac•cel•er•at•ing**,
ac•cel•er•ates. to make to go faster.
Moving the pedals faster will accelerate the bicycle. —**ac•cel•er•a•tive** *adj.*
—**ac•cel•er•a•tion** *n.*

ac•cen•tu•ate /äk sən' chōō āt/ *v.*
ac•cen•tu•at•ed, **ac•cen•tu•at•ing**,
ac•cen•tu•ates. to make more noticeable; to emphasize; to stress. *Underlining a word accentuates it.* —**ac•cen•tu•a•tion** *n.*

ac•cess /äk' sēs/ *n., pl.* **ac•cess•es**. a means of approaching, entering, exiting, or making use of. *The front door provided the only access to the store.*

ac•claim¹ /ə klām'/ *n.* praise; enthusiastic applause. *The actor received acclaim for his outstanding performance.*

ac•claim² /ə klām'/ *v.* **ac•claimed**, **ac•claim•ing**, **ac•claims**. to praise; to applaud. *Everyone acclaimed the football team for winning the championship.*

ac•com•plish /ə kōm' plīsh/ *v.*
ac•com•plished, **ac•com•plish•ing**,
ac•com•plish•es. to succeed in doing; to perform. *I hope to accomplish my goal of getting good grades.*

ac•cu•mu•late /ə kyōōm' yə lāt'/ *v.*
ac•cu•mu•lat•ed, **ac•cu•mu•lat•ing**,
ac•cu•mu•lates. to collect little by little; to gather. *I have accumulated many books.*

ac•cu•mu•la•tion /ə kyōōm' yə lā' shən/ *n.*
the act of gathering or amassing, as into a heap. *The accumulation of snow forced the cancellation of school.*

ac•cu•rate /äk' yər it/ *adj.* without errors; correct. *I made an accurate count of the pennies I have saved.* —**ac•cu•rate•ly** *adv.*
—**ac•cu•rate•ness** *n.*

ac•cous•tics /ə kōō' stīks/ *n.* the features of a room or space that determine how well sounds can be heard in it. *The acoustics in the new theater were wonderful.*

ac•ro•nym /ăk' rə nīm'/ *n.* a word formed from the first letters or syllables of other words. *NASA is the acronym for National Aeronautics and Space Administration.*

ac•ti•vate /ăk' tə vāt'/ *v.* **ac•ti•vat•ed**, **ac•ti•vat•ing**, **ac•ti•vates**. to make active; to put in motion. *I pushed a number on the keypad to activate the alarm system.*
—**ac•ti•va•tion** *n.* —**ac•ti•va•tor** *n.*

ad•min•is•tra•tor /ăd mīn' ī strā' tər'/ *n.* a person who manages or takes charge. *The nursing administrator met with the doctors.*

ad•van•tage /ăd vān' tīj/ *n.* a benefit; a favorable position. *Being first in line is an advantage to getting good seats at the play.*

ad•van•ta•geous /ăd' vān tā' jəs/ *adj.* beneficial. *The extra practice was advantageous.*
—**ad•van•ta•geous•ly** *adv.*
—**ad•van•ta•geous•ness** *n.*

af•flu•ent /ăf lōō ənt/ *adj.* wealthy; rich. *Our affluent neighbors own several vacation homes.* —**af•flu•ent•ly** *adv.*

a•ghast /ə gāst'/ *adj.* terrified or shocked. *People were aghast when the building caught on fire.*

ag•ile /ăj' əl or ăj' īl'/ *adj.* able to move or think easily or quickly. *Our agile cat jumped on top of the refrigerator.* —**ag•ile•ly** *adv.*
—**ag•ile•ness** *n.* —**a•gil•i•ty** *n.*

ag•i•tate /ăj' ī tāt'/ *v.* **ag•i•tat•ed**, **ag•i•tat•ing**, **ag•i•tates**. to shake, move, or disturb roughly. *Strong winds agitated the trees.*
—**ag•i•tat•ed•ly** *adv.*

ag•o•nize /ăg' ə nīz'/ *v.* **ag•o•nized**, **ag•o•niz•ing**, **ag•o•niz•es**. to suffer extreme pain or great anguish. *I agonized from the pain of my broken arm.*

ag•o•ny /ăg' ə nē/ *n., pl.* **ag•o•nies**. the suffering of severe pain. *Doctors tried to ease the patient's agony.*

al•lit•er•a•tion /ə lit' ə rā' shən/ *n.* the repetition of same beginning sounds in words. *The phrase "perfect peach punch" is an example of alliteration.*

am•a•teur¹ /ăm' ə tūr' or ăm' ə tər' or ăm' ə chōōr' or ăm' ə chər or ăm' ə tyōōr'/ *adj.* related to something done or performed for enjoyment rather than as a job or profession; not professional. *Many people enjoy amateur sports.* —**am•a•teur•ism** *n.*

am•a•teur² /ăm' ə tūr' or ăm' ə tər' or ăm' ə chōōr' or ăm' ə chər or ăm' ə tyōōr'/ *n.* a person who lacks skill or training. *The painting looked like it was done by an amateur.* —**am•a•teur•ism** *n.*

am•a•teur³ /ăm' ə tūr' or ăm' ə tər' or ăm' ə chōōr' or ăm' ə chər or ăm' ə tyōōr'/ *n.* a person who does something for enjoyment rather than as a profession. *Only amateurs can participate in the competition.*
—**am•a•teur•ism** *n.*

a•mend•ment /ə mēnd' mənt/ *n.* a legal or formal change or addition to a law or group of laws. *The first ten amendments of the U.S. Constitution are called the Bill of Rights.*

a•nal•o•gy /ə nāl' ə jē/ *n., pl.* **a•nal•o•gies**. an explanation of something by comparing it to something else. *There is an analogy between the heart and a pump.*

a•non•y•mous /ə nŏn' ə məs/ *adj.* nameless. *The anonymous caller did not leave a message.*
—**a•non•y•mous•ly** *adv.*

an•tag•o•nist /ăn tăg' ə nīst/ *n.* a person who opposes, fights against, or competes with another. *The two politicians were natural antagonists.* —**an•tag•o•nis•tic** *adj.*
—**an•tag•o•nis•ti•cal•ly** *adv.*

an•tag•o•nize /ăn tăg' ə nīz'/ *v.* **an•tag•o•nized**, **an•tag•o•niz•ing**, **an•tag•o•niz•es**. to bring about a feeling of irritation or anger. *The phone's constant ringing antagonized us.*

ap•pa•ra•tus /ăp' ə rā' təs or ăp' ə rāt' əs/ *n., pl.* **ap•pa•ra•tus** or **ap•pa•ra•tus•es**. a device or equipment used for a particular purpose; a machine. *A car jack is an apparatus that lifts a car so that a tire can be changed.*

ap•par•el /ə păr' əl/ *n.* clothing. *I bought special apparel for the ski trip.*

ap•pe•tiz•er /ăp' ī tī' zər/ *n.* food or drink served before a meal to help increase the desire for food. *Before dinner our host served an appetizer of cheese and crackers.*

apprentice

ap•pren•tice /ə prēn' tīs/ *n.* someone who is learning a job by working for an expert, often for little or no pay during the training period. *My older sister is an apprentice at a radio station.*

ap•ti•tude /āp' tī tōōd' or āp' tī tyōōd'/ *n.* a talent or natural ability. *The young girl has an aptitude for playing the violin.*

ar•du•ous /ār' jōō əs/ *adj.* requiring great effort; very difficult. *Training for a marathon is arduous work.* —**ar•du•ous•ly** *adv.* —**ar•du•ous•ness** *n.*

ar•ro•ma /ə rō' mə/ *n.* a pleasant smell. *The aroma of roses filled the garden.*

as•sem•bly /ə sēm' blē/ *n., pl. as•sem•blies.* a group of people gathered together for a common purpose. *The mayor gave a speech to an assembly of reporters.*

as•sert /ə sūrt'/ *v. as•sert•ed, as•sert•ing, as•serts.* to state positively; to declare to be true. *The witness asserted the cause of the accident with confidence.*

at•test¹ /ə tēst'/ *v. at•test•ed, at•test•ing, at•tests.* to be a witness. *Dad can attest that I was studying last night.* —**at•test•ant** *n.*

at•test² /ə tēst'/ *v. at•test•ed, at•test•ing, at•tests.* to be proof of or give evidence. *The melting snow attests the warmer temperature.* —**at•test•ant** *n.*

at•tract /ə trākt'/ *v. at•tract•ed, at•tract•ing, at•tracts.* to pull or draw to or toward. *Soccer attracts many players because it has so much action.* —**at•tract•a•ble** *adj.* —**at•tract•er** or **at•trac•tor** *n.* —**at•trac•tion** *n.*

B

bank•rupt /bāngk' rūpt' or bāngk' rəpt'/ *adj.* unable to pay one's bills. *The bankrupt company had to close all of its stores.*

bar•i•tone /bār' ī tōn'/ *n.* a male singer with a range lower than a tenor and higher than a bass. *The baritone's performance was outstanding.*

bounty

ben•e•fit¹ /bēn' ə fit/ *n.* something that is helpful or makes a situation better. *A public swimming pool is one benefit to living in this neighborhood.*

ben•e•fit² /bēn' ə fit/ *v. ben•e•fit•ed, ben•e•fit•ing, ben•e•fits* or **ben•e•fit•ed, ben•e•fit•ing, ben•e•fits.** to be useful or helpful. *Wearing glasses would benefit my ability to see.*

ben•e•fit³ /bēn' ə fit/ *v. ben•e•fit•ed, ben•e•fit•ing, ben•e•fits* or **ben•e•fit•ed, ben•e•fit•ing, ben•e•fits.** to receive help. *Our dog will benefit from an obedience class.*

bi•bli•og•ra•phy /bīb' lē ōg' rə fē/ *n., pl. bi•bli•og•ra•phies.* a list of works on a topic. *I included a bibliography with my report on whales.* —**bi•bli•og•ra•phic** *adj.* —**bi•bli•og•ra•phic•al** *adj.* —**bi•bli•og•ra•phic•al•ly** *adv.*

bi•og•ra•phy /bī ōg' rə fē/ *n., pl. bi•og•ra•phies.* the story of a person's life written by someone else. *I read a biography of Abraham Lincoln.* —**bi•og•ra•phic** *adj.* —**bi•og•ra•phic•al** *adj.* —**bi•og•ra•phic•al•ly** *adv.*

bo•na fide /bō' nə fīd' or bōn' ə fīd'/ *adj.* genuine; authentic. *The museum has a bona fide painting by Vincent van Gogh.*

bo•nan•za /bə nān' zə/ *n.* a source of great riches or profit. *The discovery of gold was a bonanza for miners.*

bo•nus /bō' nəs/ *n., pl. bo•nus•es.* something given in addition to what is usual or expected. *Students who read extra books were given a bonus.*

boun•te•ous /boun' tē əs/ *adj.* giving or inclined to give generously. *The corn crop was bounteous this year.*

boun•ty¹ /boun' tē/ *n., pl. boun•ties.* generosity in giving. *The victims of the storm depended on the bounty of the volunteers.*

boun•ty² /boun' tē/ *n., pl. boun•ties.* an abundant supply. *The charity received a bounty of food.*

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/ōō/	boot
/ū/	cut
/ûr/	urge
/th/	thin
/th/	this
/hw/	what
/zh/	vision
/ə/	about
	item
	pencil
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brilliant

- bril•liant**¹ /bril' yənt/ *adj.* shiny and bright.
I shaded my eyes from the brilliant light.
—**bril•liant•ly** *adv.* —**bril•liant•ness** *n.*
- bril•liant**² /bril' yənt/ *adj.* very clever or intelligent.
My math professor is brilliant.
—**bril•liant•ly** *adv.* —**bril•liant•ness** *n.*
- bru•tal**¹ /brūt' l/ *adj.* cruel; showing no pity.
The brutal treatment of prisoners is wrong.
—**bru•tal•ly** *adv.*
- bru•tal**² /brūt' l/ *adj.* relentless.
The brutal cold forced us to stay inside. —**bru•tal•ly** *adv.*
- bru•tal•i•ty** /brōō tāl' ī tē/ *n.* the state or quality of being ruthless, cruel, or harsh.
The bully was punished for his brutality.

C

- cal•cu•late**¹ /kāl' kyə lāt/ *v.* **cal•cu•lat•ed**, **cal•cu•lat•ing**, **cal•cu•lates**. to find out by using numbers.
Please calculate how much money you spend on lunch each week.
- cal•cu•late**² /kāl' kyə lāt/ *v.* **cal•cu•lat•ed**, **cal•cu•lat•ing**, **cal•cu•lates**. to figure out; to estimate.
We calculated that it would take three hours to drive to my aunt's house.
- cal•cu•la•tion** /kāl' kyə lā' shən/ *n.* the act, process, or result of calculating.
Our calculation for the cost of groceries was correct.
- cal•lig•ra•phy** /kə līg' rə fē/ *n.* fine, beautiful handwriting.
The calligraphy on the invitations was impressive. —**cal•lig•ra•pher** *n.*
- cam•paign**¹ /kām pān' / *n.* a series of related activities organized to attain a certain goal.
The campaign for student council will begin in September. —**cam•paign•er** *n.*
- cam•paign**² /kām pān' / *v.* **cam•paign•ed**, **cam•paign•ing**, **cam•paigns**. to carry on a campaign.
We campaigned for a neighborhood community center. —**cam•paign•er** *n.*
- car•eer** /kə rīr' / *n.* one's chosen lifetime work or occupation; a profession.
I want to choose a career in health care.
- car•ni•vore** /kār' nə vōr' / *n.* an animal that eats mostly meat.
At the zoo we learned that some birds, such as vultures, are carnivores.
- cha•os** /kā' ōs' / *n.* a state of complete disorder or great confusion.
After the earthquake, the city was in chaos. —**cha•ot•ic** *adj.*
—**cha•ot•i•cal•ly** *adv.*
- chef** /shēf' / *n.* the head cook in a place that serves food.
The happy diners complimented the chef on their fine meals.
- claim**¹ /klām/ *v.* **claimed**, **claim•ing**, **claims**. to ask for or demand as one's own.
The girl claimed her purse at the lost-and-found desk.
- claim**² /klām/ *v.* **claimed**, **claim•ing**, **claims**. to say strongly as a fact; to declare to be true.
My friend claims she saw a two-headed snake.
- claim**³ /klām/ *n.* a demand for something as one's due or right.
The man placed a claim with his insurance company for the hail damage to his car.
- cod•i•fy** /kōd' ī fī' or kō' də fī' / *v.* **cod•i•fied**, **cod•i•fy•ing**, **cod•i•fies**. to arrange into an organized system.
My friends and I want to codify the rules for the game we made up.
—**cod•i•fi•ca•tion** *n.* —**cod•i•fi•er** *n.*
- col•lapse** /kə lāps' / *v.* **col•lapsed**, **col•laps•ing**, **col•laps•es**. to fall down suddenly.
The runner collapsed from exhaustion.
—**col•laps•i•ble** or **col•laps•a•ble** *adj.*
—**col•laps•i•bil•i•ty** *n.*
- com•i•cal** /kōm' ī kəl' / *adj.* funny.
We couldn't stop laughing at the comical clown.
—**com•i•cal•ly** *adv.*
- com•par•i•son**¹ /kəm pār' ī sən' / *n.* the act of examining how things are alike.
He made a comparison of this year's and last year's temperatures.
- com•par•i•son**² /kəm pār' ī sən' / *n.* a likeness.
There is no comparison between the baseball team's record and the football team's record.
- com•pet•i•tive** /kəm pēt' ī tīv' / *adj.* involving a competition or contest.
Tennis is a competitive sport. —**com•pet•i•tive•ly** *adv.*
—**com•pet•i•tive•ness** *n.*
- com•pute** /kəm pyōt' / *v.* **com•put•ed**, **com•put•ing**, **com•put•es**. to find or work out an answer using mathematics.
I will compute the cost of a bicycle and helmet.

compute

A-C

con•cen•trate /kɒn' sən trāt/ *v.*
con•cen•trat•ed, **con•cen•trat•ing**,
con•cen•trates. to pay close attention or
 focus one's thoughts. *It was hard to*
concentrate in the noisy classroom.

con•cept /kɒn' sɛpt/ *n.* a general idea, under-
 standing, or thought based on facts or
 experience. *The class learned the concept*
of main ideas in paragraphs.

con•cep•tu•al /kən sɛp' chō əl/ *adj.* of con-
 cepts or conception. *We learned of the*
conceptual plans from the sketches.
 —**con•cep•tu•al•ly** *adv.*

con•clude¹ /kən klōd' / *v.* **con•clud•ed**,
con•clud•ing, **con•cludes**. to form an
 opinion; to decide. *After hearing the facts, I*
concluded that my friend did the right thing.

con•clude² /kən klōd' / *v.* **con•clud•ed**,
con•clud•ing, **con•cludes**. to bring to an
 end. *Let's conclude the concert with a*
popular song.

con•coc•tion /kən kɔk' shən/ *n.* something
 that is blended together by mixing or
 combining ingredients. *Nobody would eat*
our strange concoction.

con•fec•tion /kən fɛk' shən/ *n.* a sweet food
 or mixture, such as candy. *The candy store*
is famous for its wonderful confections.

Congress /kɔŋg' grɪs/ *n.* the lawmaking body
 of the United States made up of the Senate
 and the House of Representatives. *The*
President and Congress worked together to
improve education.

con•science /kɒn' shəns/ *n.* the sense of right
 and wrong that guides a person. *My*
conscience won't let me cheat on a test.

con•scious /kɒn' shəs/ *adj.* aware of one's
 own thoughts and feelings. *I was*
conscious of feeling tired. —**con•scious•ly**
adv.

con•tain /kən tān/ *v.* **con•tain•ed**,
con•tain•ing, **con•tain•s**. to have in; to
 hold. *Our school library contains many*
interesting books. —**con•tain•a•ble** *adj.*
 —**con•tain•ment** *n.*

con•tam•i•nate /kən tām' ə nāt/ *v.*
con•tam•i•nated, **con•tam•i•nat•ing**,
con•tam•i•nates. to pollute or make dirty
 or impure. *The city checks that nothing*
contaminates the drinking water.
 —**con•tam•i•na•tor** *n.*

con•tam•i•na•tion /kən tām' ə nā' shən/ *n.* the
 act or process of polluting or making dirty
 or impure. *The dirty pond was closed due*
to contamination.

con•tract¹ /kən trākt' or kɒn' trākt' / *v.*
con•tract•ed, **con•tract•ing**, **con•tracts**.
 to draw together and become smaller.
The small rubber band contracts when I
take it off my wrist. —**con•tract•a•ble** *adj.*
 —**con•traction** *n.*

con•tract² /kɒn' trākt' / *n.* an agreement,
 that usually can be enforced by law,
 between people to do or not do something.
My parents signed a contract to buy a
new house.

con•ven•ient¹ /kən vɛn' yənt/ *adj.* suited to
 one's comfort or needs. *It is convenient*
to practice the piano right after school.
 —**con•ven•ient•ly** *adv.*

con•ven•ient² /kən vɛn' yənt/ *adj.* easy to use
 or reach. *We found a convenient parking*
space near the restaurant.
 —**con•ven•ient•ly** *adv.*

con•ver•sa•tion•al /kɒn' vər sɑ' shə nəl/ *adj.*
 like natural-sounding talk or informal
 conversation. *We enjoyed the*
conversational tone of the speaker.
 —**con•ver•sa•tion•al•ly** *adv.*
 —**con•ver•sa•tion** *n.*

con•verse /kən vɜrs' / *v.* **con•vers•ed**,
con•vers•ing, **con•vers•es**. to talk with
 another person or persons. *The neighbors*
often converse with one another.

coun•ter•feit /koun' tər fit' / *adj.* not genuine.
Counterfeit money may be difficult to spot.

cri•sis /krɪ' sɪs/ *n., pl. cri•ses* /krɪ' sɛz/. a time
 of danger or an important decision; a
 turning point. *It is difficult for most people*
to be calm in a crisis.

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/ō/ toe

/ō/ 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

/ər/ butter

D

de•ceive /dī sēv'/ v. **de•ceived**, **de•ceiv•ing**, **de•ceives**. to make someone believe something that is not true; to mislead or trick. *We deceived our friend because the party was a surprise.* —**de•ceiv•a•ble** *adj.*

—**de•ceiv•ing•ly** *adv.* —**de•ceiv•er** *n.*

de•clare¹ /dī klâr'/ v. **de•clared**, **de•clar•ing**, **de•clares**. to announce formally. *Our city council declared that all city parks would close at sunset.*

de•clare² /dī klâr'/ v. **de•clared**, **de•clar•ing**, **de•clares**. to state strongly. *Our teacher declared that the homework was due on Monday.*

de•e•gate /dēl' ī gāt' or dēl' ī gīt/ *n.* a person chosen to speak or act for others; a representative. *My teammates chose me to be their delegate at the meeting.*

del•i•ca•cy¹ /dēl' ī kə sē/ *n.*, *pl.* **del•i•ca•cies**. a food that is considered rare or expensive. *Several delicacies were served at the wedding reception.*

del•i•ca•cy² /dēl' ī kə sē/ *n.*, *pl.* **del•i•ca•cies**. something that is of fine quality or construction. *My grandmother is famous for the delicacy of her handmade lace.*

del•i•ca•cy³ /dēl' ī kə sē/ *n.*, *pl.* **del•i•ca•cies**. weakness or frailty. *The doctor noticed the delicacy of the old woman's hands.*

de•moc•ra•cy /dī mōk' rə sē/ *n.*, *pl.* **de•moc•ra•cies**. a government that is run by the people. *People have many rights in a democracy.*

de•pict /dī pikt'/ v. **de•pict•ed**, **de•pict•ing**, **de•picts**. to describe or show. *The stepsisters in the play were depicted as being mean.*

de•pic•tion /dī pik' shən/ *n.* the act of describing in words. *I pictured the character based on the storyteller's depiction of her.*

de•tain /dī tān'/ v. **de•tained**, **de•tain•ing**, **de•tains**. to keep from going ahead; to delay. *I missed my bus when I was detained after school.* —**de•tain•ment** *n.*

de•trac•tor /dī trākt' ər/ *n.* a person who speaks ill of or belittles someone else. *Before the election, a detractor said bad things about the candidate.*

de•vice /dī vīs'/ *n.* a machine that does a particular job. *A screwdriver is a helpful device.*

de•vour¹ /dī vour'/ v. **de•voured**, **de•vour•ing**, **de•vours**. to eat greedily. *The hungry students devoured their lunches in only a few minutes.*

de•vour² /dī vour'/ v. **de•voured**, **de•vour•ing**, **de•vours**. to destroy. *The terrible fire devoured the entire forest.*

de•vour³ /dī vour'/ v. **de•voured**, **de•vour•ing**, **de•vours**. to take in greedily through the mind. *Everyone who reads the exciting book devours it.*

di•a•logue¹ /dī ə lôg' or dī ə lōg'/ *n.* a conversation between two or more people. *The friends had a dialogue about the game.*

di•a•logue² /dī ə lôg' or dī ə lōg'/ *n.* the words spoken by the actors or characters in a play or story. *The actors rehearsed their dialogue.*

dig•ni•ty¹ /dīg' nī tē/ *n.*, *pl.* **dig•ni•ties**. the quality of being respected. *True dignity comes from who you are inside.*

dig•ni•ty² /dīg' nī tē/ *n.*, *pl.* **dig•ni•ties**. poise and self-respect. *The senator accepted the honor with dignity.*

dis•claim /dis klām'/ v. **dis•claimed**, **dis•claim•ing**, **dis•claims**. to give up a right to, connection with, or responsibility for; to disown. *The boy disclaimed any knowledge of the broken window.*

dis•gust•ing /dis gus' tīng/ *adj.* causing feelings of strong dislike or sickening distaste. *You must clean a rabbit cage often, or it will become disgusting.* —**dis•gust•ing•ly** *adv.*

dis•mount /dis mount'/ v. **dis•mount•ed**, **dis•mount•ing**, **dis•mounts**. to get off or down. *After the parade the circus performers dismounted from the elephants.*

dis•taste•ful /dis tāst' fəl/ *adj.* unpleasant; disagreeable. *I think that pulling weeds on a hot, humid day is distasteful.*

—**dis•taste•ful•ly** *adv.*

—**dis•taste•ful•ness** *n.*

distrac·tion

dis·trac·tion /dī strāk' shən/ *n.* something that draws attention away from something. *Loud noise in the hall was a distraction for the students in the classroom.*

doc·u·ment /dōk' yə mənt/ *n.* a written or printed paper that gives information, especially official or legal information. *My parents keep important documents in a safe place.*

doc·u·men·ta·ry /dōk' yə mēn' tə rē/ *n. pl.*
doc·u·men·ta·ries. a work, such as a film, presenting its subject matter factually. *I watched the documentary for my research paper.*

drawl¹ /drōl/ *v.* **drawled, drawling, drawls.** to draw out vowel sounds, slowing one's speech. *The man wearing boots and a cowboy hat drawled, "Hello, y'all."*

drawl² /drōl/ *n.* the manner of speech of one who drawls. *It was easy to understand the speaker's drawl.*

E

ef·fi·cient /ī fish' ənt/ *adj.* producing effectively with little effort or waste. *My brother and I are efficient when we wash the car.* — **ef·fi·cient·ly** *adv.*

e·lab·o·rate¹ /ī lāb' ər it/ *adj.* planned and done with great detail. *My family has elaborate vacation plans.* — **e·lab·o·rate·ly** *adv.*
— **e·lab·o·rate·ness** *n.*

e·lab·o·rate² /ī lāb' ə rāt/ *v.* **e·lab·o·rat·ed, e·lab·o·rat·ing, e·lab·o·rates.** to provide additional information or more detail; to develop thoroughly. *The teacher asked me to elaborate on my reasons for liking the book.* — **e·lab·o·rate·ly** *adv.*
— **e·lab·o·ra·tion** *n.*

em·bark /ēm bärk'/ *v.* **em·barked, em·bark·ing, em·barks.** to begin a journey, adventure, or action. *Lewis and Clark embarked on their journey from St. Louis in 1804.* — **em·bar·ka·tion** *n.*

excerpt

en·dur·ance /ēn.dōōr' əns or ēn dyōōr' əns/ *n.* the ability to keep going in spite of harsh conditions or strain. *The endurance of the bicycle racer amazed everyone.*

en·ter·prise /ēn' tər prīz'/ *n.* a project, task, or undertaking, especially one that is important or difficult. *Building the first successful spacecraft was quite an enterprise.*

en·trée /ōn' trā or ōn trā'/ *n.* the main course of a meal. *I ordered spaghetti for my entrée at the restaurant.*

e·nu·mer·ate /ī nōō' mə rāt' or ī nyōō' mə rāt'/ *v.* **e·nu·mer·at·ed, e·nu·mer·at·ing, e·nu·mer·ates.** to name one by one; to list. *The girl enumerated her reasons for not cleaning her room.* — **e·nu·mer·a·tive** *adj.*
— **e·nu·mer·a·tion** *n.* — **e·nu·mer·a·tor** *n.*

es·teem /ī stēm'/ *v.* **es·teemed, es·teem·ing, es·teems.** to respect or value. *Our class esteems our teacher.*

es·teemed /ī stēmd'/ *adj.* highly respected. *An esteemed athlete visited the children in the hospital.*

es·ti·mate¹ /ēs' tə māt'/ *v.* **es·ti·mat·ed, es·ti·mat·ing, es·ti·mates.** to make a judgment of the amount. *Our class estimated how much food an elephant eats each day.* — **es·ti·ma·tor** *n.*

es·ti·mate² /ēs' tə mīt/ *n.* a judgment or opinion. *What is your estimate of the cost of a new bicycle?* — **es·ti·ma·tive** *adj.*

es·ti·ma·tion /ēs' tə mā' shən/ *n.* the act or instance of estimating. *Was the work estimation correct?*

e·ter·ni·ty /ī tūr' nī tē/ *n., pl.* **e·ter·ni·ties.** time without end; a long period of time that seems endless. *It seemed to take an eternity to get to my grandparents' house.*

e·val·u·ate /ī vāl' yōō āt'/ *v.* **e·val·u·at·ed, e·val·u·at·ing, e·val·u·ates.** to determine the worth or value of something. *I would like someone to evaluate the story that I wrote.* — **e·val·u·a·tion** *n.*
— **e·val·u·a·tor** *n.*

ex·cerpt¹ /ĕk' sūrpt'/ *n.* a part taken from a longer work. *We memorized an excerpt from the play.*

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

excerpt

- ex•cerpt**² /ɪk' sɜrpt/ *v.* **ex•cerpt•ed**, **ex•cerpt•ing**, **ex•cerpts**. to use a passage from a longer work. *Our teacher excerpted paragraphs from the story.*
- ex•cess** /ɪk sēs' or ěk' sēs'/ *n.* the state of exceeding what is normal or sufficient. *I ate to excess at the party.*
- ex•claim** /ɪk sklām'/ *v.* **ex•claimed**, **ex•claim•ing**, **ex•claims**. to speak, call, or shout out suddenly or with force, often in surprise. *"Wow!" the children exclaimed when the magician pulled the rabbit out of a hat.*
- ex•ert** /ɪg zɜrt'/ *v.* **ex•ert•ed**, **ex•ert•ing**, **ex•erts**. to put (oneself) to a great effort. *During football practice, all of the team members exert themselves.* — **ex•er•tion** *n.*
- ex•pres•ion**¹ /ɪk sprēsh' ən/ *n.* the act of communicating, as in words. *Pam's speech was an expression of her ideas.*
- ex•pres•ion**² /ɪk sprēsh' ən/ *n.* something that communicates. *The flowers were an expression of our sorrow.*
- ex•pres•ion**³ /ɪk sprēsh' ən/ *n.* a look that shows feelings. *Jordan's serious expression meant things were going badly.*
- ex•pres•ion**⁴ /ɪk sprēsh' ən/ *n.* a way of speaking, singing, or playing that shows a certain feeling. *Our teacher read the poem with great expression.*
- ex•pres•ion**⁵ /ɪk sprēsh' ən/ *n.* a particular word or phrase. *I hear the expression "Exercise your right to vote" around election day.*
- ex•tract**¹ /ɪk strækt'/ *v.* **ex•tract•ed**, **ex•tract•ing**, **ex•tracts**. to pull or draw out with force or effort. *We had to extract a tiny, sharp rock from our dog's paw.* — **ex•tract•a•ble** or **ex•tract•i•ble** *adj.* — **ex•trac•tion** *n.*
- ex•tract**² /ěk' strækt'/ *n.* a portion of a book or magazine. *Our class read an extract from the book.*
- ex•tract**³ /ěk' strækt'/ *n.* a concentrated flavoring. *I used vanilla extract in the cake.*

F

fa•tigue /fə tēg'/ *n.* a tired feeling; weariness as a result of effort. *The long hike caused great fatigue in all of the campers.*

friction

D-F

- fea•ture** /fē' chər/ *n.* a distinct quality or characteristic. *The lake is an outstanding feature of the landscape.*
- fea•ture•less** /fē' chər līs/ *adj.* lacking distinct parts or qualities. *Anything more than a few feet away appeared featureless in the fog.*
- fed•er•al** /fēd' ər əl or fēd' rəl/ *adj.* of or relating to the central government of a country. *The federal government is in charge of national security.* — **fed•er•al•ly** *adv.*
- fic•tion** /fɪk' shən/ *n.* something that is made up. *The events in the story were fiction.* — **fic•tion•al** *adj.* — **fic•tion•al•ly** *adv.*
- fig•u•ra•tive** /fɪg' yər ə tɪv/ *adj.* using imaginative comparisons to express an idea or thought. *A poet uses figurative language to create a certain effect.* — **fig•u•ra•tive•ly** *adv.* — **fig•u•ra•tive•ness** *n.*
- flail** /flāl/ *v.* **flailed**, **flail•ing**, **flails**. to wave or swing with power or force. *When I was learning to ice skate, I flailed my arms to keep from losing my balance.*
- fla•vor•ful** /flā' vər fəl/ *adj.* full of flavor, tasty. *All of my friends complimented the flavorful scrambled eggs.* — **fla•vor•ful•ly** *adv.*
- folk•lore** /fōk' lōr' or fōk' lōr'/ *n.* the stories, songs, and practices handed down among a people. *The folklore of the Old West can be very entertaining.* — **folk•lor•ic** *adj.* — **folk•lor•ist** *n.*
- for•feit** /fōr' fɪt/ *v.* **for•feit•ed**, **for•feit•ing**, **for•feits**. to lose or give up the right to something as a penalty. *The basketball team had to forfeit the game.*
- for•mer•ly** /fōr' mər lē/ *adv.* at an earlier time; once. *She was formerly a teacher.*
- for•mu•late** /fōr' myə lāt'/ *v.* **for•mu•lat•ed**, **for•mu•lat•ing**, **for•mu•lates**. to plan in a clear, orderly way. *Let's formulate our plans for the birthday party.* — **for•mu•la•tion** *n.*
- fo•rum** /fōr' əm or fōr' əm/ *n., pl.* **fo•rums**. a place to meet and discuss issues. *City council held a forum to discuss the proposal.*
- fric•tion** /frɪk' shən/ *n.* the rubbing of one object or surface against another. *I created friction by rubbing the wood with sandpaper.* — **fric•tion•al** *adj.* — **fric•tion•al•ly** *adv.*

frigid

frigid /frɪj' ɪd/ *adj.* extremely cold. *Canadian winters are frigid.* — **frigidly** *adv.*
— **frigidness** *n.*

G

genre /zhän' rə/ *n.* a particular type of literature or art. *Mysteries are a popular genre in literature and film.*

graphic /gräf' ɪk/ *adj.* described in clear detail. *The newspaper article gave a graphic report of the accident.*
— **graphically** *adv.* — **graphicness** *n.*

H

hazardous /hāz' ə dəs/ *adj.* dangerous. *During the heavy snowstorm, driving was hazardous.* — **hazardously** *adv.*
— **hazardousness** *n.*

hemisphere /hēm' ɪ sfɪr'/ *n.* the northern or southern half of the earth's surface. *We studied some of the animals that live in the northern hemisphere.* — **hemispheric** *adj.*
— **hemispherically** *adv.*

herbivore /hūr' bə vōr' or ūr' bə vōr'/ *n.* an animal that eats mostly plants. *Many herbivores, such as cows and horses, live on farms.*

homonym /hōm' ə nīm' or hō' mə nīm'/ *n.* a word that sounds the same as another word but has a different meaning and often a different spelling. *The words our and hour are homonyms.*

humanitarian¹ /hyōō mǎn' ɪ tār' ē ēn/ *n.* a person who shows concern for the well-being of people. *A humanitarian spoke to our class about ways to help other people.*

humanitarian² /hyōō mǎn' ɪ tār' ē ēn/ *adj.* showing concern for the well-being of people. *She was honored for her humanitarian work in our community.*

humiliate /hyōō mɪl' ē āt'/ *v.*
humiliated, humiliating, humiliates. to lower the pride or dignity of. *I did not mean to humiliate my friend.*

implement

humiliation /hyōō mɪl' ē ā' shən/ *n.* the condition of shame or disgrace. *He blushed from the humiliation.*

humorist /hyōō' mər ɪst/ *n.* someone who performs or writes funny material. *The humorist was the star of the show.*

hurtle /hūr' tl/ *v.* **hurtled, hurtling, hurtles.** to move very fast, often with noise. *The horses hurtled toward us when they saw us come into the pasture.*

I

identify /ɪ dēn' tə fɪ'/ *v.* **identified, identifying, identifies.** to recognize and name as being a particular person or thing. *We could identify our lost dog as soon as we saw her.* — **identifiable** *adj.*

idiom /ɪd' ē əm/ *n.* an expression whose meaning cannot be understood from the usual meanings of the words in it. *"You're pulling my leg" is an idiom meaning "You're not telling me the truth."*

idiomatic /ɪd' ē ə māt' ɪk/ *adj.* peculiar to or characteristic of a given language. *Idiomatic phrases are not often found in lectures.*

illegal¹ /ɪ lē' gəl/ *adj.* not allowed by law. *It is illegal to litter along the highway.*

illegal² /ɪ lē' gəl/ *adj.* not allowed by the official rules, as in sports. *Our team was penalized for the illegal delay of game.*

impersonate /ɪm pūr' sə nāt'/ *v.*
impersonated, impersonating, impersonates. to act like or copy the appearance or speech of another person. *As a joke, the student tried to impersonate his teacher.*

implement¹ /ɪm' plə mēnt'/ *v.*
implemented, implementing, implements. to put into effect; to carry out. *This year our school has implemented a new lunch schedule.*
— **implementation** *n.*

implement² /ɪm' plə mēnt'/ *n.* a tool used in doing a job or task. *Computer stores sell implements for cleaning keyboards.*

PRONUNCIATION KEY

/ā/ pat

/ā/ pay

/ā/ care

/ā/ father

/ār/ far

/ē/ pet

/ē/ be

/ɪ/ pit

/ɪ/ pie

/ɪr/ 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

/ər/ butter

in•de•ci•sive /in' dī sī' sīv/ *adj.* not able to make up one's mind. *The driver was indecisive about which way to turn.*
—**in•de•ci•sive•ly** *adv.* —**in•de•ci•sive•ness** *n.*

in•fer /in fūr'/ *v.* **in•ferred**, **in•fer•ring**, **in•fers**. to conclude from thinking carefully about the evidence. *Because you are wearing a coat, I infer that it is cold outside.*

in•flate¹ /in flāt'/ *v.* **in•flat•ed**, **in•flat•ing**, **in•flates**. to expand by filling with air or gas. *We will inflate balloons for the party.*

in•flate² /in flāt'/ *v.* **in•flat•ed**, **in•flat•ing**, **in•flates**. to increase beyond normal levels. *Do businesses inflate prices when there is a large demand for their products?*

in•fla•tion /in flā' shən/ *n.* the act of inflating or the state of being inflated. *The inflation of the tire made riding the bike easier.*

in•gen•ious /in jēn' yəs/ *adj.* clever; imaginative. *The ingenious squirrel hid the acorn in the flowerpot.* —**in•gen•ious•ly** *adv.*
—**in•gen•ious•ness** *n.*

in•sa•tia•ble /in sā' shə bəl or in sā' shē ə bəl/ *adj.* not able to be satisfied. *We feed our puppy often because she has an insatiable appetite.* —**in•sa•tia•bly** *adv.*
—**in•sa•tia•bil•ity** or **in•sa•tia•ble•ness** *n.*

in•sight /in' sīt'/ *n.* the ability to see the true nature of something. *Mom has insight into what I mean even when I say only a few words.*

in•sight•ful /in' sīt' fəl/ *adj.* showing or having insight; perceptive. *Her criticism of the movie was insightful.* —**in•sight•ful•ly** *adv.*

in•sip•id¹ /in sīp' id/ *adj.* without much flavor or taste. *The guests tried to eat the insipid vegetables just to be polite.* —**in•sip•id•ly** *adv.* —**in•sip•id•ness** *n.*

in•sip•id² /in sīp' id/ *adj.* not having much interest; dull. *I decided not to finish reading the insipid book.* —**in•sip•id•ly** *adv.*
—**in•sip•id•ness** *n.*

in•sist /in sīst'/ *v.* **in•sist•ed**, **in•sist•ing**, **in•sists**. to take a firm stand; to demand. *My mother insisted that I go to bed early.*
—**in•sis•tence** *n.*

in•stinct¹ /in' stīngkt'/ *n.* a natural tendency to act in a certain way. *It is an instinct in many*

animals to run and hide from danger.

in•stinct² /in' stīngkt'/ *n.* an inborn ability. *My brother has an instinct for playing music.*

in•tend /in tēnd'/ *v.* **in•tend•ed**, **in•tend•ing**, **in•tends**. to have a purpose in mind; to plan. *We intend to take the bus to the game.*

in•ter•pret¹ /in tūr' prīt'/ *v.* **in•ter•pret•ed**, **in•ter•pret•ing**, **in•ter•prets**. to explain the meaning of. *It takes an expert to interpret the marks on the ancient tomb.*

in•ter•pret² /in tūr' prīt'/ *v.* **in•ter•pret•ed**, **in•ter•pret•ing**, **in•ter•prets**. to understand. *I am able to interpret sign language.*

in•ter•pre•tive /in tūr' prī tīv/ *adj.* relating to or marked by interpretation; explanatory. *I practiced my interpretive dance routine.*
—**in•ter•pre•tive•ly** *adv.*

in•to•na•tion /in' tə nā' shən/ *n.* the rise and fall in pitch of the voice. *Good intonation is important in public speaking.*

in•ves•ti•gate /in vēs' tī gāt'/ *v.* **in•ves•ti•gat•ed**, **in•ves•ti•gat•ing**, **in•ves•ti•gates**. to examine closely to learn the truth. *Police often investigate automobile accidents.*

J

judg•ment¹ /jūj' mēnt/ *n.* an opinion or conclusion made after careful thought. *In my judgment, there should be a traffic light at that corner.*

judg•ment² /jūj' mēnt/ *n.* a decision, order, or sentence given in a court of law. *The jury member read the judgment to the court.*

ju•di•cial /jōō dīsh' əl/ *adj.* of or by judges or courts of law. *The judicial decision on the law was reported in the news.*
—**ju•di•cial•ly** *adv.*

jus•tice /jūs' tīs/ *n.* fairness. *The judge handed down her orders with justice.*

jus•ti•fy /jūs' tə fī'/ *v.* **jus•ti•fied**, **jus•ti•fy•ing**, **jus•ti•fies**. to show or prove to be correct or fair. *A beautiful summer garden will justify our hard work in the spring.*

L

lec•ture¹ /lɛk' chər/ *n.* a planned talk on a specific subject given to an audience. *The famous artist gave a lecture about her paintings.*

lec•ture² /lɛk' chər/ *n.* a serious talk or scolding. *Our teacher gave us a lecture about being tardy.*

lec•ture³ /lɛk' chər/ *v.* **lec•tured, lec•tur•ing, lec•tures.** to give a lecture. *The professor lectured on ancient Greek history.*

lec•ture⁴ /lɛk' chər/ *v.* **lec•tured, lec•tur•ing, lec•tures.** to scold. *Parents sometimes lecture their children.*

le•gal•ize /lɛ' gə līz/ *v.* **le•gal•ized, le•gal•iz•ing, le•gal•iz•es.** to make lawful. *The government legalized the selling of medicine without a prescription.*
— **le•gal•iza•tion** *n.*

le•git•i•mate¹ /lə jīt ə mīt/ *adj.* allowed by law. *The accident victim made a legitimate claim.* — **le•git•i•mate•ly** *adv.*

le•git•i•mate² /lə jīt ə mīt/ *adj.* reasonable; valid. *The student had a legitimate reason for being tardy.* — **le•git•i•mate•ly** *adv.*

lib•er•ty /līb' ər tē/ *n., pl. lib•er•ties.* freedom. *Citizens of the United States have the liberty to travel throughout the country.*

lit•er•al /līt' ər əl/ *adj.* the exact or factual meaning of words. *Help me explain the literal meaning of that phrase.*
— **lit•er•al•ly** *adv.* — **lit•er•al•ness** *n.*

lit•er•ate /līt' ər it/ *adj.* able to read and write. *The author who visited our class is a highly literate person.* — **lit•er•ate•ly** *adv.*
— **lit•er•ate•ness** *n.*

lit•er•a•ture /līt' ər ə chōōr' or līt' ər ə chər/ *n.* written works that show imagination and have lasting value. *Good children's literature is also enjoyed by adults.*

log•i•cal /ləj' i kəl/ *adj.* based on clear thinking. *Everyone understood the logical answer to the question.* — **log•i•cal•ly** *adv.*

lon•gi•tude /lɔn' jī tōōd' or lon' jī tyōōd'/ *n.* distance on the earth's surface, measured east or west from the prime meridian. *Ship captains track their longitude to keep on course.*

M

main•tain¹ /mān tān'/ *v.* **main•tained, main•tain•ing, main•tains.** to keep in good condition. *Because our neighbors were too busy to maintain their big house, they decided to move to a smaller one.*
— **main•tain•a•ble** *adj.* — **main•tain•er** *n.*

main•tain² /mān tān'/ *v.* **main•tained, main•tain•ing, main•tains.** to continue or keep up. *Whenever they can, drivers should maintain a constant speed.*
— **main•tain•a•ble** *adj.* — **main•tain•er** *n.*

mal•treat•ment /māl trēt' mənt/ *n.* cruel or rough action; abuse. *The people were arrested for the maltreatment of their dog.*

man•age•ment /mān' ij mənt/ *n.* the act or practice of directing or operating. *The management of an airport must be a difficult job.*

ma•neu•ver¹ /mə nōō' vər or mə nyōō' vər/ *v.* **ma•neu•vered, ma•neu•ver•ing, ma•neu•vers.** to move with skill, ability, or cleverness. *My aunt maneuvered her car into the small parking space.*

ma•neu•ver² /mə nōō' vər or mə nyōō' vər/ *n.* a skillful or well-planned move. *The quarterback's quick maneuver won his team the game.*

mar•a•thon¹ /mār' ə thōn'/ *n.* a footrace that covers 26 miles, 385 yards (41.3 kilometers). *The runner trained for a year to get in shape for the marathon.*

mar•a•thon² /mār' ə thōn'/ *n.* any race or contest that lasts a long time. *The high school had a dance marathon that lasted all night.*

mas•sive /mās' iv/ *adj.* having great size and weight. *It was difficult to move the massive furniture.* — **mas•sive•ly** *adv.*
— **mas•sive•ness** *n.*

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/ou/	out
/oo/	look
/oo/	boot
/ü/	cut
/ūr/	urge
/th/	thin
/th/	this
/hw/	what
/zh/	vision
/ə/	about
	item
	pencil
	gallop
	circus
/ər/	butter

merger

merg•er /mûr' jər/ *n.* the bringing together to become one, especially of two or more businesses. *The merger of the two small neighborhood markets resulted in one large grocery store.*

me•thod•i•cal /mə thōd' ī kəl/ *adj.* in a set order; according to plan. *My family cleans the house in a methodical manner.*
— **me•thod•i•cal•ly** *adv.*

mi•cro•scop•ic /mī' krə skōp' īk/ *adj.* tiny but able to be seen through a microscope. *Microscopic bits of dust float in the air.*
— **mi•cro•scop•i•cal•ly** *adv.*

mon•o•logue¹ /mōn' ə lōg' or mōn' ə lōg'/ *n.* the series of stories and jokes told by a comedian. *The audience laughed at the funny monologue.*

mon•o•logue² /mōn' ə lōg' or mōn' ə lōg'/ *n.* a long speech by a performer. *My part in the play was to recite a monologue.*

mon•o•tone /mōn' ə tōn'/ *n.* a series of words or sounds uttered in one tone of voice. *We got sleepy listening to the speaker's monotone.*

muse /myōz/ *v.* **mused**, **mus•ing**, **mus•es**. to think or consider deeply, especially in a dreamy way. *Many young people muse about what they will do when they grow up.*

N

nav•i•gate /nāv' ī gāt'/ *v.* **nav•i•gat•ed**, **nav•i•gat•ing**, **nav•i•gates**. to plan the path of and guide a boat or an airplane. *Columbus navigated the unknown waters of the Atlantic Ocean.* — **nav•i•ga•tion** *n.*

ne•go•ti•a•tion /nī gō' shē ā' shən/ *n.* the process of reaching agreement through discussion and debate. *Our negotiations for a lower price on a new car were successful.*
— **ne•go•ti•a•tor** *n.*

no•tion /nō' shən/ *n.* an idea; a belief or opinion. *Everyone listened quietly to the man's notion about why cats are good pets.*

nour•ish¹ /nûr' ish or nûr' ish/ *v.* **nour•ished**, **nour•ish•ing**, **nour•ish•es**. to give food or other things that are needed for life. *We nourish our cat with food that the veterinarian said to use.* — **nou•rish•er** *n.*

palatable

nour•ish² /nûr' ish or nûr' ish/ *v.* **nour•ished**, **nour•ish•ing**, **nour•ish•es**. to support and help the growth or development of. *My friends and I nourish our friendship by listening to each other.* — **nou•rish•er** *n.*

nour•ish•ment /nûr' ish mənt/ *n.* the act of supporting and helping the growth or development of. *I added plant food to my flower for nourishment.*

nu•tri•ent /nōō' trē ənt or nyōō' trē ənt/ *n.* something that supports and helps growth or development, especially an ingredient in food. *My parents read food labels to find foods rich in nutrients.*

nu•tri•tious /nōō' trīsh' əs or nyōō' trīsh' əs/ *adj.* nourishing. *It is important to begin the day with a nutritious breakfast.*
— **nu•tri•tious•ly** *adv.* — **nu•tri•tious•ness** *n.*

O

op•por•tu•ni•ty /ōp' ər tōō' nī tē or ōp' ər tyōō' nī tē/ *n.*, *pl.* **op•por•tu•ni•ties**. a time or circumstance suitable for a particular purpose; a chance. *I had the opportunity to get an autograph from my favorite baseball player.*

or•deal /ōr dēl'/ *n.* a difficult or painful experience. *Reporters asked the survivors of the tornado to tell about their ordeal.*

out•come /out' kūm'/ *n.* the final result. *The outcome of the student council election will be announced tomorrow.*

P

pal•at•a•ble¹ /pāl' ə tə bəl/ *adj.* agreeable enough to the taste to be eaten. *Usually my sister's cooking is palatable, so I do not complain when she cooks dinner.*
— **pal•at•a•bly** *adv.* — **pal•at•a•bil•i•ty** *n.*
— **pal•at•a•ble•ness** *n.*

pal•at•a•ble² /pāl' ə tə bəl/ *adj.* agreeable to the mind. *His suggestion for the game was palatable to everyone.* — **pal•at•a•bly** *adv.*
— **pal•at•a•bil•i•ty** *n.* — **pal•at•a•ble•ness** *n.*

patriotic

pa•tri•ot•ic /pā' trē ōt' ik/ *adj.* feeling or showing love for one's country. *Many patriotic people fly flags on the Fourth of July.* — **pa•tri•ot•ic•al•ly** *adv.*

per•cep•tion /pər sēp' shən/ *n.* the power or act of becoming aware by using the senses; awareness. *Without my glasses, my perception of details is a little off.*

per•son•nel /pūr' sə nēl'/ *n.* the people working for a business or other organization. *The bank's personnel meet once a month.*

pe•ti•tion¹ /pə tīsh' ən/ *n.* a formal written request to someone in authority. *Everyone signed a petition calling for new textbooks.*

pe•ti•tion² /pə tīsh' ən/ *v.* **pe•ti•tioned, pe•ti•tion•ing, pe•ti•tions.** to make a formal request to someone in authority. *Voters petitioned their state representatives to lower taxes.*

plen•ti•ful /plēn' tī fəl/ *adj.* more than enough; abundant. *At the beginning of the school year, we had a plentiful supply of chalk.* — **plen•ti•ful•ly** *adv.* — **plen•ti•ful•ness** *n.*

plod¹ /plōd/ *v.* **plod•ded, plod•ding, plods.** to work or act slowly or wearily, but steadily. *I plodded through the hard problems.* — **plod•ding•ly** *adv.* — **plod•der** *n.*

plod² /plōd/ *v.* **plod•ded, plod•ding, plods.** to walk with great effort. *The men had to plod through the mud to rescue the dog.* — **plod•ding•ly** *adv.* — **plod•der** *n.*

pos•i•tive¹ /pōz' ī tīv/ *adj.* focusing on favorable things. *The teacher's positive comments made the class happy.* — **pos•i•tive•ly** *adv.* — **pos•i•tive•ness** *n.*

pos•i•tive² /pōz' ī tīv/ *adj.* certain; sure. *I am positive that my friend lives next to the park.* — **pos•i•tive•ly** *adv.* — **pos•i•tive•ness** *n.*

pre•con•ceive /prē' kən sēv'/ *v.* **pre•con•ceived, pre•con•ceiv•ing, pre•con•ceives.** to form an opinion or idea of beforehand. *I'll preconceive the speech before I write it.* — **pre•con•ceived** *adj.*

prej•u•dice¹ /prēj' ə dīs/ *n.* an unfair opinion that is made before one knows the facts. *My sister is a dog lover, but she shows no prejudice against cats.*

profit

prej•u•dice² /prēj' ə dīs/ *v.* **prej•u•diced, prej•u•dic•ing, prej•u•dic•es.** to cause to form an unfavorable decision before having all the facts. *My friend's opinion of the new restaurant prejudiced me against it.*

prep•a•ra•tion /prēp' ə rā' shən/ *n.* the act of getting ready. *The preparation of a holiday meal may take a great deal of time.*

prin•ci•ple /prīn' sə pəl/ *n.* a basic truth; a rule. *A principle of good manners is to be thoughtful of other people.*

prob•a•ble /prōb' ə bəl/ *adj.* likely to be true or to happen. *It is probable that it will rain tomorrow.* — **prob•a•bly** *adv.*

probe¹ /prōb/ *v.* **probed, prob•ing, probes.** to investigate, examine, or explore. *Geologists probed the mineral makeup of the rock.*

probe² /prōb/ *n.* an investigation or exploration. *The reporter's in-depth probe led to new school reforms.*

pro•claim /prə klām' or prō klām'/ *v.* **pro•claimed, pro•claim•ing, pro•claims.** to declare, make known, or announce officially. *The principal proclaimed the first Monday of each month as Reading for Fun Day.*

pro•fes•sion•al¹ /prə fēsh' ə nəl/ *adj.* doing specific work for pay or as a career. *The professional singer just recorded a new song.* — **pro•fes•sion•al•ly** *adv.*

pro•fes•sion•al² /prə fēsh' ə nəl/ *adj.* having or doing specific work with great skill. *The students in the school play gave a professional performance.* — **pro•fes•sion•al•ly** *adv.*

pro•fes•sion•al³ /prə fēsh' ə nəl/ *n.* a person who is skilled or expert in specific work. *My aunt sews clothes like a professional.* — **pro•fes•sion•al•ly** *adv.*

prof•it¹ /prōf' īt/ *n.* the money made in a business after the costs and expenses have been paid. *I made a profit cutting grass last summer.* — **prof•it•a•ble** *adj.* — **prof•it•a•bly** *adv.* — **prof•it•a•bil•i•ty** *n.*

prof•it² /prōf' īt/ *v.* **prof•it•ed, prof•it•ing, prof•its.** to get something helpful; to gain. *We profited from the guest speaker's advice.* — **prof•it•a•ble** *adj.* — **prof•it•a•bly** *adv.* — **prof•it•a•bil•i•ty** *n.*

PRONUNCIATION KEY

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/ē/	be
/ī/	pit
/ī/	pie
/īr/	pier
/ō/	mop
/ō/	toe
/ō/	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
/ər/	butter

prologue

pro•logue /prō' lōg' or prō' lōg'/ *n.* an introduction to a book, a play, a poem, or an opera. *Our teacher read the prologue of the play.*

pro•nounce•ment /prə nouns' mēnt/ *n.* a formal opinion or decision. *Do you agree with the judge's pronouncement?*

pro•pose /prə pōz'/ *v.* **pro•posed, pro•pos•ing, pro•pos•es.** to put forward for discussion; to suggest. *Everyone in the class had to propose an idea for a field trip.*

pros•per /prōs' pət'/ *v.* **pros•pered, pros•per•ing, pros•pers.** to be successful; to thrive. *Good growing conditions help farmers prosper.*

pro•tag•o•nist /prō tæg' ə nīst/ *n.* the main character in a story, book, or play. *The protagonist of the story was a young boy.*

pro•test¹ /prō' tēst'/ *n.* disapproval; objection. *The governor heard the protests about the bill and decided not to sign it.*

pro•test² /prə tēst' or prō' tēst'/ *v.* **pro•test•ed, pro•test•ing, pro•tests.** to express strong disapproval or objection to something. *The workers protested their low wages.* — **pro•test•ing•ly** *adv.* — **pro•test•er** *n.*

pro•tract /prō trākt' or prə trākt'/ *v.* **pro•tract•ed, pro•tract•ing, pro•tracts.** to lengthen in time; to draw out. *I would like to protract summer vacation.* — **pro•trac•tion** *n.*

pro•trac•tor /prō trāk' tər/ *n.* a semicircular instrument for measuring and constructing angles. *I need to bring my protractor to math class.*

pseu•do•nym /sōd' n īm'/ *n.* a made-up name used by an author. *Dr. Seuss is the pseudonym of Theodor Geisel.*

pub•lish /püb' līsh/ *v.* **pub•lished, pub•lish•ing, pub•lish•es.** to produce or print for sale or to give away. *Our school's parent organization plans to publish a cookbook.* — **pub•lish•a•ble** *adj.*

pur•pose /pūr' pəs/ *n.* the planned or desired result; goal. *The purpose of batting practice is to improve the team's hitting.* — **pur•pose•ly** *adv.*

pur•pose•ful /pūr' pəs fəl/ *adj.* having a purpose; determined. *My goal is to live a purposeful life.* — **pur•pose•ful•ly** *adv.*

resolve

pu•trid¹ /pyōō' trīd/ *adj.* decayed and having an unpleasant smell. *I immediately placed the putrid fish into the garbage.* — **pu•trid•ly** *adv.* — **pu•trid•ness** *n.*

pu•trid² /pyōō' trīd/ *adj.* caused by something being decayed or rotten. *The putrid smell of the dead animal filled the campsite.* — **pu•trid•ly** *adv.* — **pu•trid•ness** *n.*

Q

quip /kwīp/ *n.* a clever, witty remark. *My friend's quip made everyone laugh.*

R

ran•cid /răn' sīd/ *adj.* having the unpleasant smell or taste of something spoiled. *Food left out of the refrigerator becomes rancid in a short time.* — **ran•cid•ly** *adv.* — **ran•cid•ness** *n.*

re•act /rē ākt'/ *v.* **re•act•ed, re•act•ing, re•acts.** to act back or respond to something. *When the telephone rings, people react by answering it.*

re•cline /rī klīn'/ *v.* **re•clined, re•clin•ing, re•clines.** to lie back or down. *I reclined on the sofa to watch the movie.*

re•duce /rī dōōs' or rī dyōōs'/ *v.* **re•duced, re•duc•ing, re•duc•es.** to make less or smaller; to decrease. *The salesperson reduced the price of the car.*

re•pair /rī pâr'/ *v.* **re•paired, re•pair•ing, re•pairs.** to fix or mend. *The bicycle shop will repair any kind of bicycle.*

rep•a•ra•ble /rēp' ə ə bəl/ *adj.* able to be fixed or mended. *The torn baseball glove is repairable.* — **rep•a•ra•bly** *adv.* — **rep•a•ra•bil•ity** *n.*

rep•re•sen•ta•tive /rēp' rī zēn' tə tīv/ *n.* a person who is appointed, elected, or chosen to act for others. *Each class elects one representative to meet with the principal once a month.*

re•solve¹ /rī zōlv'/ *v.* **re•solved, re•solv•ing, re•solves.** to find a solution to. *We were able to resolve our argument.*

resolve

re•solve² /rī zōlv'/ *n.* firmness of purpose; resolution. *I am following my resolve to exercise more.*

re•tain /rī tān'/ *v.* **re•tained**, **re•tain•ing**, **re•tains**. to keep; to hold onto. *A good teacher retains the ability to talk with students.* — **re•tain•a•ble** *adj.*
— **re•tain•ment** *n.*

rid•i•cule¹ /rīd' ī kyōōl'/ *v.* **rid•i•culed**, **rid•i•cul•ing**, **rid•i•cules**. to make fun of. *Do not ridicule people when they make mistakes.*

rid•i•cule² /rīd' ī kyōōl'/ *n.* words or actions intended to make fun of a person or thing. *The girl's feelings were hurt by her friend's ridicule.*

S

sal•a•ry /sāl' ə rē or sāl' rē/ *n., pl. sal•a•ries*. regular payment for a job. *My mother earns a good salary from her job.*

sa•ti•ate /sā' shē āt'/ *v.* **sa•ti•at•ed**, **sa•ti•at•ing**, **sa•ti•ates**. to satisfy a hunger or desire completely. *The glass of lemonade helps satiate my thirst.*
— **sa•ti•a•tion** *n.*

sa•ti•a•tion /sā' shē ā' shən/ *n.* the state of being completely satisfied. *The movie's happy ending left me in a state of satiation.*

sat•u•rate¹ /säch' ə rāt'/ *v.* **sat•u•rat•ed**, **sat•u•rat•ing**, **sat•u•rates**. to completely soak. *The water from the hurricane saturated the coastline.* — **sat•u•ra•ble** *adj.*
— **sat•u•ra•tor** *n.*

sat•u•rate² /säch' ə rāt'/ *v.* **sat•u•rat•ed**, **sat•u•rat•ing**, **sat•u•rates**. to fill totally. *The firefighters began to cough as smoke saturated their lungs.* — **sat•u•ra•ble** *adj.*
— **sat•u•ra•tor** *n.*

sat•u•ra•tion /säch' ə rā' shən/ *n.* the act or process of being filled totally. *The sponge was heavy with saturation.*

sa•vor /sā' vər/ *v.* **sa•vored**, **sa•vor•ing**, **sa•vors**. to taste with enjoyment. *We savored the first homegrown tomatoes of the summer.* — **sa•vor•ous** *adj.*
— **sa•vor•er** *n.*

sprint

sa•vor•y /sā' və rē/ *adj.* agreeable in taste or smell; appetizing. *When we smelled the savory bread, we knew that dinner would be good.*

sci•en•tifi•c /sī' ən tīf' īk/ *adj.* based on careful, systematic study. *Doctors know about the human body because of scientific research.* — **sci•en•tifi•cal•ly** *adv.*

sim•i•le /sīm' ə lē/ *n.* a comparison of two different things, usually with *like* or *as*. *"The fog is like a blanket over the road" is a simile.*

site /sīt/ *n.* a place where something is or happens; a setting. *The school carnival is held at the same site every year.*

sole /sōl/ *adj.* only one; single. *The boy's sole reason for going to the game was to see his friends.*

sol•i•tar•y /sōl' ī tēr' ē/ *adj.* alone. *Reading is a solitary but enjoyable pastime.*
— **sol•i•tar•i•ly** *adv.* — **sol•i•tar•i•ness** *n.*

sol•i•tude /sōl' ī tōōd' or sōl' ī tyōōd'/ *n.* the state of being alone. *Solitude allows me to think about many things.*

so•lo•ist /sō' lō īst/ *n.* a person who acts or performs alone. *The piano soloist played music written by Mozart.*

so•phis•ti•cat•ed¹ /sə fis' tī kā' tīd/ *adj.* knowledgeable or worldly. *The young boy seemed sophisticated for his age.*

so•phis•ti•cat•ed² /sə fis' tī kā' tīd/ *adj.* complicated enough to be appealing to those who have knowledge and experience. *The movie had very sophisticated special effects.*

spontane•ous /spōn tā' nē əs/ *adj.* not planned or rehearsed. *After the play, the actors gave spontaneous answers to our questions.* — **spontane•ous•ly** *adv.*

sprint¹ /sprīnt/ *n.* a short footrace at top speed. *My favorite track event is the sprint.*

sprint² /sprīnt/ *v.* **sprint•ed**, **sprint•ing**, **sprints**. to run at top speed for a short time. *I had to sprint to the bus stop because I was late.* — **sprint•er** *n.*

PRONUNCIATION KEY

/ā/ pat

/ā/ pay

/â/ care

/ä/ father

/är/ far

/ē/ pet

/ē/ be

/ī/ pit

/ī/ pie

/īr/ pier

/ō/ mop

/ō/ toe

/ô/ 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

T

- sump•tu•ous** /sŭmp' chō əs/ *adj.* very expensive and magnificent. *The king and queen gave a sumptuous banquet to celebrate their anniversary.* — **sump•tu•ous•ly** *adv.* — **sump•tu•ous•ness** *n.*
- sump•tu•ous•ness** /sŭmp' chō əs nəz/ *n.* magnificence. *The weary traveler admired the sumptuousness of his hotel room.*
- su•perb** /sō pŭrb'/ *adj.* excellent; very fine; first rate. *Our school orchestra gave a superb performance at the assembly.* — **su•perb•ly** *adv.* — **su•perb•ness** *n.*
- sup•ple•ment**¹ /sŭp' lə mənt/ *v.* **sup•ple•ment•ed**, **sup•ple•ment•ing**, **sup•ple•ments**. to add to in order to improve or make more complete. *I like to supplement my lunch with a piece of fruit.*
- sup•ple•ment**² /sŭp' lə mənt/ *n.* something that is added in order to improve or make more complete. *The latest sports magazine has included a supplement about exercise.*
- sup•pose**¹ /sə pōz'/ *v.* **sup•posed**, **sup•pos•ing**, **sup•pos•es**. to assume that something is true, especially for the sake of argument. *Just suppose that anyone could buy a ticket to visit the moon.* — **sup•pos•ed•ly** *adv.*
- sup•pose**² /sə pōz'/ *v.* **sup•posed**, **sup•pos•ing**, **sup•pos•es**. to think something is probable. *I suppose that I can go swimming on Saturday.* — **sup•pos•ed•ly** *adv.*
- sus•pend**¹ /sə spënd'/ *v.* **sus•pend•ed**, **sus•pend•ing**, **sus•pends**. to hang. *We suspended the birdfeeder from a tree branch.* — **sus•pen•sion** *n.*
- sus•pend**² /sə spënd'/ *v.* **sus•pend•ed**, **sus•pend•ing**, **sus•pends**. to support or hold in place as if attached from above. *The skilled operator could suspend the hot air balloon in the sky.* — **sus•pen•sion** *n.*
- syl•lab•i•cate** /sī lăb' ĩ kăt'/ *v.* **syl•lab•i•cat•ed**, **syl•lab•i•cat•ing**, **syl•lab•i•cates**. to form or break into syllables. *For review, the students will syllabicate their vocabulary words.*
- syl•la•ble** /sīl' ə bəl/ *n.* a single uninterrupted sound that is a word or part of a word. *I divided the long word into syllables.*
- tech•ni•cian** /tĕk nīsh' ən/ *n.* someone who performs work requiring particular skills or techniques. *The dental technician cleaned my teeth.*
- tes•ti•fy** /tĕs' tə fī'/ *v.* **tes•ti•fied**, **tes•ti•fy•ing**, **tes•ti•fies**. to make a statement of fact under oath in court. *A witness will testify that he saw the truck hit the car.* — **tes•ti•fi•er** *n.*
- tes•ti•mo•ny** /tĕs' tə mō' nē/ *n., pl.* **tes•ti•mo•nies**. a statement made under oath by a witness. *The jurors listened carefully to each testimony.*
- trac•tion** /trāk' shən/ *n.* the friction, or grip, between a moving object and the surface over which it moves. *A mountain climber must have traction on the side of a cliff in order not to fall.*
- trail**¹ /trāl/ *v.* **trailed**, **trail•ing**, **trails**. to follow or lag behind; to be behind. *The old dog trails behind its owner.*
- trail**² /trāl/ *n.* a path or track through something like a forest. *We followed a trail on our hike through the forest.*
- trans•ac•tion** /trăns sāk' shən or trăn zāk' shən/ *n.* the act of conducting or carrying out a business matter. *Banks keep records of their transactions.*
- trans•fer**¹ /trăns fŭr' or trăn s' fər/ *v.* **trans•ferred**, **trans•fer•ring**, **trans•fers**. to move from one person, place, or thing to another. *Please transfer your workbooks from your desks to the shelves.* — **trans•fer•a•ble** or **trans•fer•ra•ble** *adj.* — **trans•fer•a•bil•i•ty** *n.* — **trans•fer•er** *n.*
- trans•fer**² /trăns' fər/ *n.* the movement of something from one person, place, or thing to another. *The transfer of the puppy from its mother to our house went smoothly.*
- trans•mit** /trăns mīt' or trăn z mīt'/ *v.* **trans•mit•ted**, **trans•mit•ting**, **trans•mits**. to send or pass from one person or place to another. *Please transmit the message to me on my mobile telephone.* — **trans•mit•ta•ble** *adj.* — **trans•mis•sion** *n.*

tribunal

tri•bu•nal /trī byōō' nəl or trī byōō' nəl/ *n.* a court of justice. *It took several days for the tribunal to hear from all of the witnesses.*

ty•rant /tī rənt/ *n.* a ruler who uses power cruelly, harshly, or unfairly. *The king was a tyrant who stole from his citizens.*

voracious

var•i•ous¹ /vâr' ē əs or vâ'r' ē əs/ *adj.* of different kinds; different from one another. *Our class includes students of various backgrounds.* — **var•i•ous•ly** *adv.*

— **var•i•ous•ness** *n.*

var•i•ous² /vâr' ē əs or vâ'r' ē əs/ *adj.* several; many. *We visited various relatives during our trip.* — **var•i•ous•ly** *adv.*

— **var•i•ous•ness** *n.*

veg•e•tar•i•an¹ /vēj' ī târ' ē ən/ *adj.* made up of plants and plant products. *My vegetarian diet does not allow me to eat any meat.*

veg•e•tar•i•an² /vēj' ī târ' ē ən/ *n.* a person who eats mostly plants and plant products. *The menu included dishes that vegetarians could eat.*

ver•sion¹ /vûr' zhən or vûr' shən/ *n.* a description or account given from a specific point of view. *My brother gave his version of how the lamp was broken.*

ver•sion² /vûr' zhən or vûr' shən/ *n.* a different form or variation of something. *In science class, we built a new version of a simple machine.*

ver•sion³ /vûr' zhən or vûr' shən/ *n.* an adaptation of something such as a work of literature or art into another form. *I didn't like the movie version of the book.*

vin•dic•tive /vīn dīk' tīv/ *adj.* having or showing a desire for revenge. *The vindictive act didn't make anyone feel any better.*

— **vin•dic•tive•ly** *adv.*

— **vin•dic•tive•ness** *n.*

vir•tue /vûr' chōō/ *n.* a good or moral quality or trait. *Her greatest virtue is her kindness.*

vir•tu•ous /vûr' chōō əs/ *adj.* having or showing a good or moral quality or trait. *He was admired for his virtuous personality.*

vo•ra•cious¹ /vô rā' shəs/ *adj.* eating or wanting large amounts of food. *Because I skipped lunch, I had a voracious appetite by dinner.* — **vo•ra•cious•ly** *adv.*

— **vo•ra•cious•ness** *n.*

U

u•nique /yōō nēk'/ *adj.* being unlike any other. *The necklace my mother bought at a craft show is unique.* — **u•nique•ly** *adv.*

— **u•nique•ness** *n.*

u•ni•son /yōō' nī sən or yōō' nī zən/ *n.* all together. *The class recited the poem in unison.*

u•nit¹ /yōō' nīt/ *n.* a person, thing, or group that is considered a part of a whole or larger group. *Our history textbook is divided into nine units.*

u•nit² /yōō' nīt/ *n.* a standard quantity or amount used for measurement. *An inch is a unit of length.*

u•ni•ty /yōō' nī tē/ *n., pl. u•ni•ties.* the state of being as one; oneness. *The fans showed unity by cheering loudly for our team.*

u•ni•ver•sal /yōō' nə vûr' səl/ *adj.* related to all; worldwide. *Hunger is a universal concern.* — **u•ni•ver•sal•ly** *adv.*

V

var•i•a•ble /vâr' ē ə bəl or vâ'r' ē ə bəl/ *adj.* not constant; changeable. *During the summer, my schedule for each day is variable.* — **var•i•a•bly** *adv.*

— **var•i•a•bil•i•ty** *n.* — **var•i•a•ble•ness** *n.*

var•i•a•tion /vâr' ē ā' shən or vâ'r' ē ā' shən/ *n.* the act or process of changing. *The doctor suggested a variation in his diet.*

— **var•i•a•tion•al** *adj.*

var•i•e•ty¹ /və rī' ī tē/ *n., pl. var•i•e•ties.* the state or quality of being varied or diverse. *Exercises that lack variety may become boring.*

var•i•e•ty² /və rī' ī tē/ *n., pl. var•i•e•ties.* a collection of different things; an assortment. *I packed a variety of things for the trip.*

PRONUNCIATION KEY

/ā/	pat
/a/	pay
/â/	care
/ä/	father
/är/	far
/ē/	pet
/ē/	be
/ī/	pit
/ī/	pie
/īr/	pier
/ō/	mop
/ō/	toe
/ô/	paw, for
/oi/	noise
/ou/	out
/oo/	look
/oo/	boot
/ü/	cut
/ûr/	urge
/th/	thin
/th/	this
/hw/	what
/zh/	vision
/ə/	about
	item
	pencil
	gallop
	circus
/ər/	butter

voracious

vo•ra•cious² /vô rā' shəs/ *adj.* not being able to be satisfied in some activity. *I am a voracious reader of history books.*
— **vo•ra•cious•ly** *adv.*
— **vo•ra•cious•ness** *n.*



wade /wād/ *v.* **wad•ed, wad•ing, wades.** to walk in or through water or something difficult. *We waded through the cold water to the shore.*

wade

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